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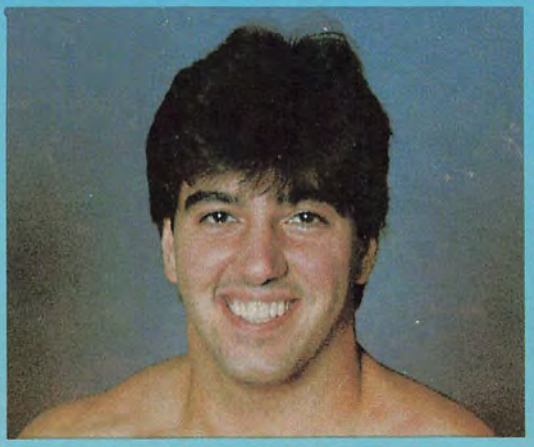

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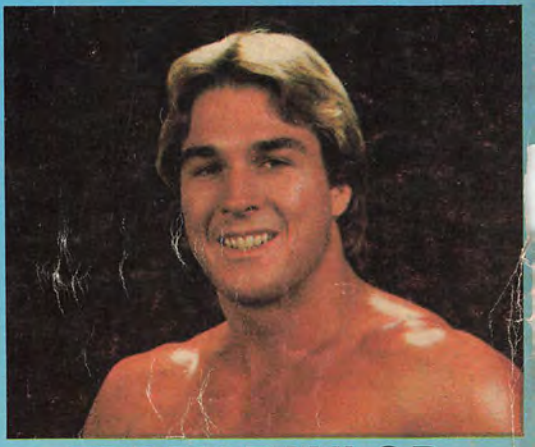

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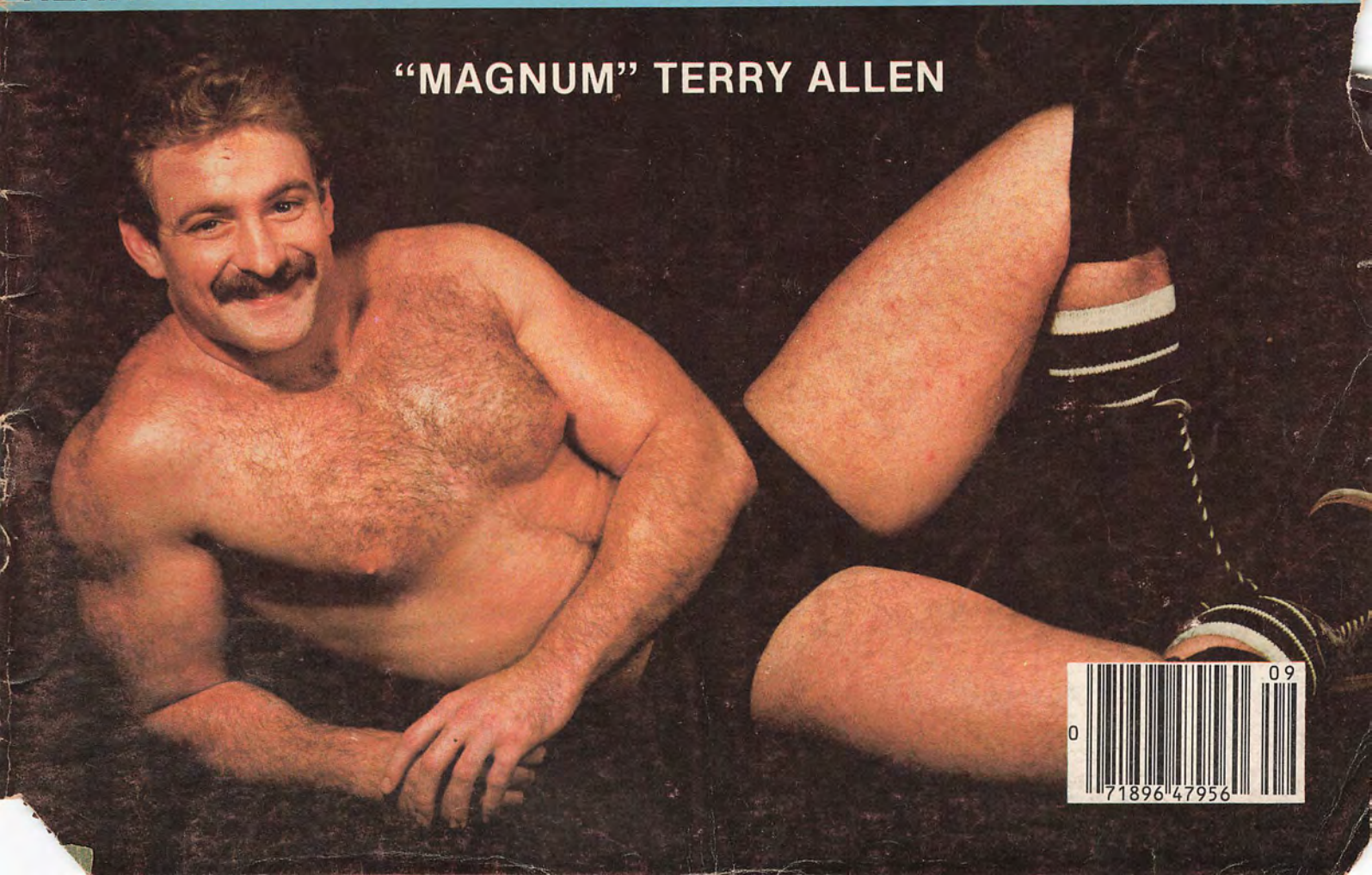

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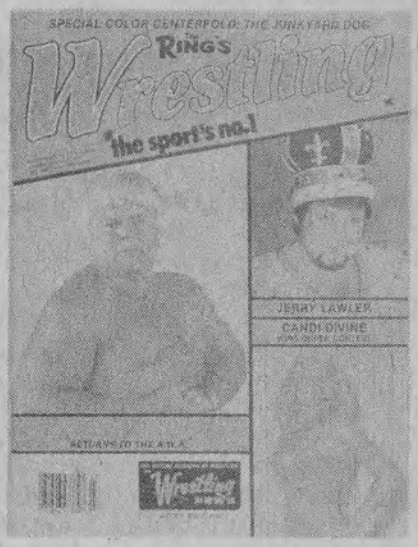

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Youth must be served and the cover of this issue of The Wrestling News is certainly proof of that. So many young stars have emerged and reached the top in our sport in recent years. Men like Ricky Martel, the Von Erichs, Terry Taylor, Dino Bravo, Tito Santana, Curt Hennig, Barry Windham, Brad Armstrong, Jake Roberts, and on the tag team scene Stan Lane & Steve Keirn, Tommy Rich & Eddie Gilbert, Dennis Condry & Bobby Eaton, Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson, The Road Warriors, and so many more have become stars of the 1980's.

And of course so many others who emerged in the 1970's are still in their prime — men like Ted DiBiase, The Junkyard Dog, Greg Gagne, Jim Brunzell, Ric Flair, Ricky Steamboat, Greg Valentine, Stan Hansen, Otto Wanz, King Kong Brody, Jumbo Tsuruta, Hulk Hogan, Bob Backlund, and Dusty Rhodes.

And there are still the great veterans led by Nick Bockwinkel, Harley Race, The Funks, The Briscos, Wahoo McDaniel, Baron von Raschke, The Crusher, Dick the Bruiser, Carlos Colon, Giant Baba, Antonio Inoki, Andre the Giant, Mad Dog Vachon, The Intelligent Sensational Destroyer, and so many more.

I started to list people in these various categories and I kept adding names I've forgotten. This list is not in any way a comprehensive one or a complete one, and I don't rank wrestlers. It is simply an illustration of how one generation after another of wrestlers emerge in our sport and work their way to the top. Each contributes much to what professional wrestling is today.

The point being that professional wrestling continues to be a sport that is alive and well and prospering. Just who the real top stars today are cannot be determined by ratings printed on a page of a magazine or by boasts by wrestlers and promoters as to who is the best — where it can be determined is in the middle of the ring — one against one.

Ironically I've been covering professional wrestling for twenty-five years now and it was exactly that long ago that Wrestling Revue, one of the publications now merged into The Wrestling News and whose title we have retained as the primary cover title on our newsstand magazine emerged as the first wrestling only magazine to endure. The Ring's Wrestling Magazine has a much longer history as a section of The Ring magazine (covering both boxing and wrestling) going back to 1922, and as a wrestling only magazine starting in 1963.

We've gone through quite a period of reorganization during the past two years, and now have emerged at the end with what we hope will from now on be one regular monthly issue that covers the entire world of professional wrestling. We thank you all for your help and support.

I've seen many stars emerge in professional wrestling, and hope to see many more in the years ahead. The Wrestling News will continue to give all in our sport the deservedly positive coverage that this great form of athletic competition entertainment deserves.

Curt Hennig is one of many second generation young lines who have emerged at the top in pro wrestling.

An Interview With

Terry Taylor

By Veto S. Graffeo

Mr. Taylor, it is good to have you back in the Mid-South area. At this time you have a very good winning record.

Terry Taylor: Thanks, it is good to be back. The fans are just great and they help me a lot.

Question: Would you tell the readers about the start of your wrestling career.

T.T.: Well, I had 4 years in high school, 4 years in college and 5 years in the pros.

Q.: Tell us about the start of your professional wrestling career.

T.T.: It started in Florida. Eddie and Mike Graham had a try out, a two day tournament. Boy was it tough. You wrestled the first day, got beaten up pretty badly and the next day you had to wrestle again. It was hard to get out of bed after that first day.

Q.: Who first trained you as a pro?

T.T.: Eddie Graham was instrumental, but so was Steve Keirn and Jack Brisco. Eddie is very watchful over wrestling in Florida; he made sure I did things the right way.

Q.: Who are some of your toughest opponents?

T.T.: They're all tough. Terry Funk is tough, Kimala, Butch Reed, the guys in Mid-South — they are all tough.

Q.: Name some of the championship titles you've held.

T.T.: The biggest title I would say was World Jr. Heavyweight Championship. I beat Les Thornton and held it for 6 weeks while I was in Knoxville, Tenn. I beat him in Roanoke, Virginia which was a thrill. Starting out I was TV Champion out in the Central States and at the same time I was one half of Tag Team Champions. I was also Mid-American Heavyweight Champion.

Q.: As a child did you go to wrestling matches?

T.T.: Sure, I was the biggest and best wrestling fan in Florida. I loved it. I was a big fan of the Grahams and the Keirns, guys like that in Florida where I grew up.

Q.: Who was your first opponent?

T.T.: Joe Le Duc, Sept. 29, 1979, in Homestead, Florida. He beat me in 3 minutes, 27 seconds.

Q.: What are your feelings about the fans?

T.T.: I like them. Without them I may be shoveling dirt or something or working at another job. This is a spectator sport and we need the fans. Sometimes they get a little over excited but I don't mind because they are usually for me and not against me, so I am glad of that.

Q.: What are some of the injuries you had in this sport?

T.T.: I had surgery on my right knee, cartilage was removed. Joe Le Duc tore it up. That was two years after my first match. I also have neck problems and have to go to a chiropractor, also some broken bones. We have to go on with things like that just like football players, but I never thought about quitting.

Q.: What match do you remember the most?

T.T.: The match with Les Thornton that was a Jr. Heavyweight title match has to stick in my mind. But I had a match against Terry Funk when I was television champion in Georgia. On channel 17 nationwide I wrestled him in Columbus, Ohio, and beat him in 47 minutes. It was a tough test but it was satisfying.

Q.: What do you do for relaxation?

T.T.: I like to water-ski and swim. I am from Florida so I like water sports, also tennis and basketball. I guess it's active-relaxation, just so I can do things at my own pace. I also like to read and watch T.V.

Q.: What are some of your goals?

T.T.: What I'd like to be is the best wrestler I can be to fulfill my God given potential and if that carries me to the title that is good, but I am not going to worry about telling myself to be the world champion. I like to be working for that, but if I don't make it I won't feel like my career has been wasted.

Q.: Who do you think are some of the best wrestlers today?

T.T.: Ric Flair, Harley Race, Terry Funk whom I heard has retired was great. Anybody who has been a world champion is good. Then you have guys like Bruiser Brody who don't wrestle you much, just beat your brains in. On a good day Kimala can beat anybody, he doesn't arm drag you but he can beat and pin you. That is the name of the game. There are a lot of guys who are tops in wrestling. Some don't measure up but a lot of guys are head and shoulders above the rest.

Q.: What is your favorite hold?

T.T.: The forearm. It's not really a hold but a maneuver. I can hit them with it.

Q.: Are you married?

T.T.: No, I'm single, never gone steady, but I'm taking applications.

Q.: How do wrestlers get paid?

T.T.: It depends on if you win or lose, where are you on the card, how long you have been there, how much you draw the people, how much money they have invested in you as in TV time. If you are in the first match and win you don't make as much money as the guys in the last match. There is no comparison between the first match winner and last match loser. You may get a percentage of the gate after expenses if that is what your contract states.

Q.: What are some of your favorite foods?

T.T.: I like American dishes, chicken or steak, things that my Mom cooked while I was growing up. I also like bar-b-que on the grill.

Q.: What music do you enjoy?

T.T.: Hard rock. I am a child of the 60's. The things I grew up on in high school and college.

Q.: What do you think of female wrestlers?

T.T.: That is a loaded question. I like them and respect them for what they do. I just hate to see them hurt each other. Those girls go at it hot and heavy and they are so feminine out of the ring. It's hard for me to balance my feelings. They murder each other and they are so nice to us in the back. It's kind of scary.

Q.: What do you think about wrestlers visiting hospitals?

T.T.: I think it's a good thing. The people in the hospitals can't go see the wrestlers. They may watch us on TV, but they never have a chance to see us in person. I enjoy it. I may run out of things to say, but just saying "get

well" and signing autographs means a lot to them.

Q.: When is your birthday, and what is your height and weight?

T.T.: August 12, 1955, 230 lbs. 6'1"

Q.: What do you fear in wrestling?

T.T.: My fear would have to be injury, not to be able to wrestle. I have a God given talent that has taken care of me so far. I have a great life and if I die today I would die happy.

Q.: How would you feel if you ended a man's career?

T.T.: I would hate it. Even as much as Butch Reed has done to me, I don't want to ruin his eyesight or break his leg. I don't feel it's right. Now when it comes to defending myself, I would do everything short of that if it's going to be me or him.

Q.: What is your point of view on life?

T.T.: Life is made to live to the fullest, to enjoy the time you have. I do what I want to do, not to hurt anybody. I enjoy the fans, the ring. I enjoy eating. Life is made to be lived to whatever suits you best. To enjoy the time you have.

Q.: How would you compare wrestlers of yesteryear and the wrestlers of today?

T.T.: I think wrestling now has more great stars than ever before, they are faster, better athletes. Your older guys who wrestled way back then weighed an average of 195 lbs. Now you have wrestlers 300 lbs. who can really go. Men like Jim Duggan and Junkyard Dog have as much quickness and speed as anyone.

Q.: How is wrestling better with you?

T.T.: I try to be the best example for kids and other people that I can possibly be. Some wrestlers are fat, bleach blond and they drink beer. If that is the way the other guy wants to be that's fine. I try to be the wrestler kids look up to and want to be like. To win without cheating. It may take longer and be harder, but when it's achieved it is more satisfying.

Q.: Do you think of yourself as a dangerous person?

T.T.: Well, if I am provoked I guess it's like a dog at home. It will love you to death but don't provoke him. I would have to say I could hurt someone.

Q.: What do you think is the most dangerous hold in wrestling?

T.T.: The pile driver, the idea of getting dropped on my head scares me.

Q.: How do you prepare for a match?

T.T.: To relax, I try not to go into the match uptight. Getting nerves beforehand is too late. If you haven't got it before bell time it's too late. Relax, get the blood going and do what you do best.

Q.: Do you think any hold should be banned?

T.T.: No, not really. It's up to the individual. If the guy is good at something and you take it away from him it's not fair to wrestling. If he is going to end people's careers the people getting hurt shouldn't be in wrestling. If you go into the match and you know he can do that hold and he gets you hurt by the hold you shouldn't have signed for the match.

Q.: If there is a wrestler that you would want to hurt, who would that be?

T.T.: I don't want to hurt anybody, but if it's life or death it would be Nikolai Volkoff or Butch Reed.

Q.: How do you celebrate a victory?

T.T.: It's a satisfying feeling inside. I don't go out drinking beer or champagne. I don't go down in the dumps when I lose. I am thankful when I win and really glad I didn't get hurt, so I just have a quiet evening.

Q.: Who do you think was the World's greatest champion?

T.T.: In my era Dory Funk was great, he had more title defenses. Also Jack Brisco, Ric Flair is good. It's hard to say as on any given night somebody can lose. Right now I would say Ric Flair because he has the belt to show for it.

Thank you Mr. Terry Taylor for this interview. I wish you the best of luck in your wrestling career.

A.W.A. Wrestling NEWS

A.W.A. TAG TEAM SCENE FULL OF EXCITEMENT

The tag team scene in the A.W.A. has really become exciting of late. Ever since Baron von Raschke & The Crusher defeated Ken Patera & Jerry Blackwell to win the World's Tag Team Championship fans have seen a wealth of great tag teams in action in the area. It seems that every top team in the sport wants a crack at the new champions and the action is hot and heavy.

To run down the list, the teams that A.W.A. fans have seen during the past two months include The Road Warriors (Animal and Hawk, under the management of "Precious" Paul Ellering), The Fabulous Ones (Stan Lane & Steve Keirn), The Black Jacks (Mulligan & Lanza), Abdullah the Butcher & King Kong Brody (a new combination under the management of Sheik Adnann El Kaissey), The High Flyers (Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell), and The Freebirds (various combinations of Buddy Roberts, Michael Hayes, and Terry Gordy).

Right now the A.W.A. certainly has to have the toughest tag team competition of any area as top teams from all over have seen action here.

Nor is there any lack of action in singles competition. Both World's Championships continue to be held by Ricky Martel (heavyweight) and Steve Regal (lightheavyweight). There have been just a host of top stars here. All of those mentioned among the tag teams certainly are also top singles stars and in addition such stars as Nick Bockwinkel (managed by Bobby "The Brain" Heenan), Curt Hennig, Larry Zbyszko, Dusty Rhodes, Harley Race, Steve Olsonoski, Billy Robinson, Brad Rheingans, Mad Dog Vachon, Dick the Bruiser, Wilbur Snyder, Roger Kirby, Larry Hennig, Chris Markoff, and Scott Irwin have all made appearances. Also Kevin Kelly, Jake Milamen, Tom Stone, and Natcho Berrara.

A.W.A. wrestling continues to flourish almost everywhere, with the major cities and promoters including Denver (Gene Reed), Milwaukee (Dennis Hilgart), Chicago (Verne Gagne), San Francisco (Leo Nomellini), Winnipeg (Don Brinton), Minneapolis-St. Paul (Wally Karbo), all doing very well. Also Salt Lake City and Las Vegas. Plus there are many, many other cities throughout the whole A.W.A. area that have cards on a less regular basis, especially in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

Because it has just recently been announced that the W.W.A. promotion based in Indianapolis, Indiana, that presents wrestling cards throughout that state is going to be merged into the A.W.A., we are going to now cover the W.W.A. in this section of The Wrestling News.

We don't know exactly what the status will be for the W.W.A. titles, but at present Stormy Granzig holds

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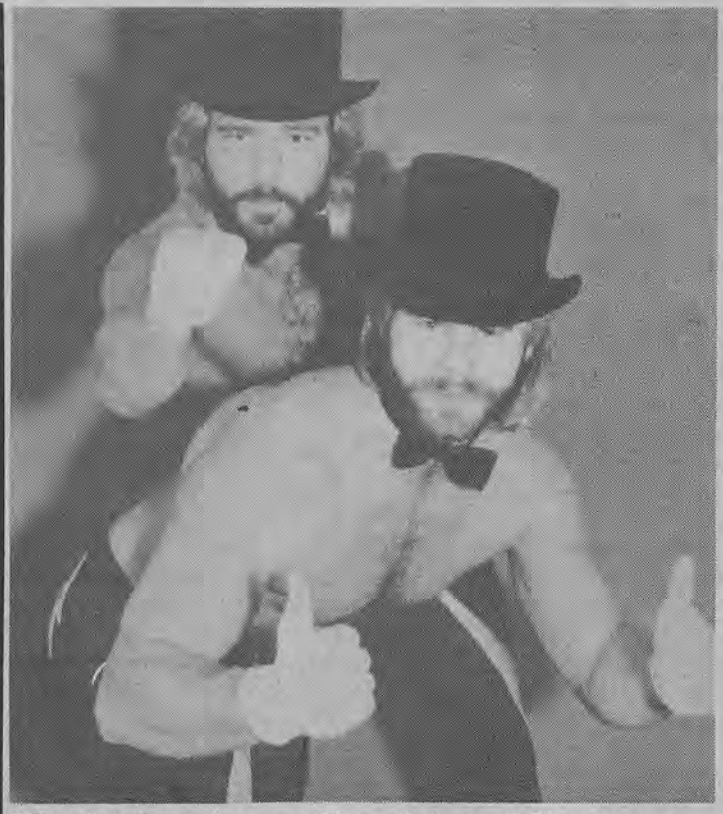
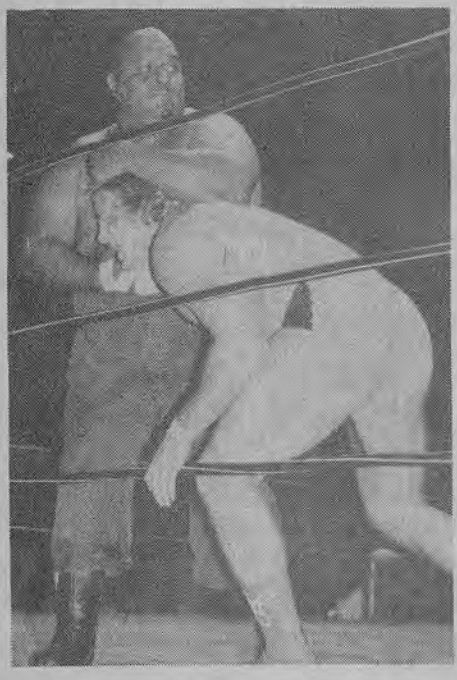
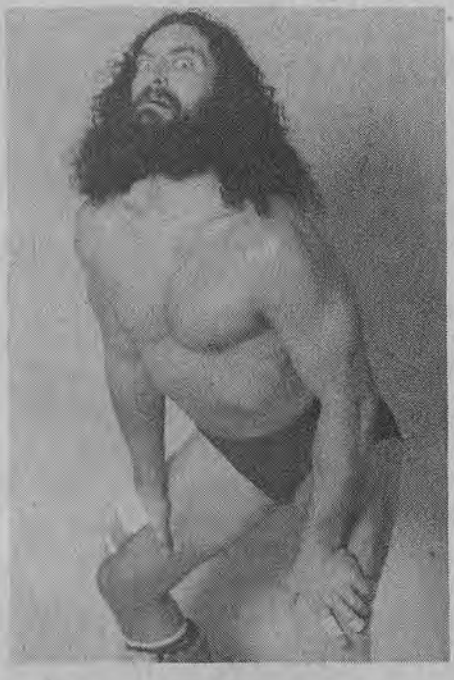


The Fabulous Ones — Steve Keirn and Stan Lane — have really taken the A.W.A. by storm and many predict that they will be the next champions, but they are just one of many top combinations active at the present time in A.W.A. rings.

Sheik Adnann El Kaissey and Jerry Blackwell (photo above) have been allied together in the A.W.A. for several years, with The Sheik first Jerry's tag team partner and later manager of the team of Blackwell & Patera when they held the tag title. However, after Blackwell lost the title The Sheik turned on him and attempted to destroy him, using his new paid assassins — Abdullah the Butcher (lower left) and King Kong Brody (lower right)





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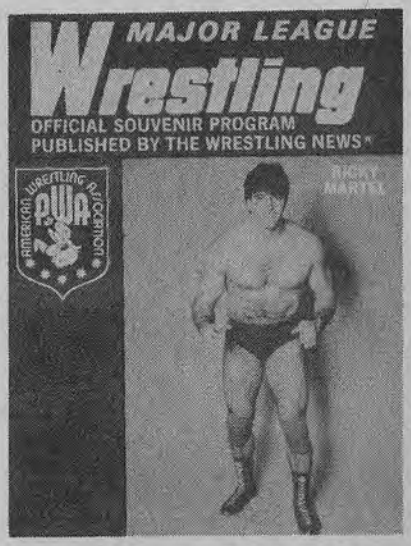

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The Black Jacks — Mulligan Sr. and Lanza — have been another top tag team on the A.W.A. scene. They have held titles together in other areas and many expect them to eventually break on top here.

the heavyweight strap, having defeated Spike Huber several months back to win it. Granzig recently defended vs. Harley Race, losing on disq. but retaining the title.

The team of Jeff Van Camp & Dick the Bruiser continue to hold the W.W.A. Tag Team belts and have been very active in defending them. Among the challengers they have turned back since our last report are Jerry Valiant & J.R. Hogg, Greg Wojokowski & Jerry Graham Jr., and Jerry Valiant & Bobby Colt.

Rooster Griffin is very active as a manager in the W.W.A. with Colt, Hogg, Valiant, Abdullah the Great, and LeRoy Redbone in his stable.

Others who have appeared on W.W.A. cards since our last report include The Hangman, Bobo Brazil, Sam Darrow, Craig Carson, Bobby Ray Heenan (who claims to be a cousin of Bobby "The Brain" Heenan), Dillinger, Wild Burrero, Mick Shannon, Jose Martinez, Bobby Bold Eagle, Roger Ruffin, Black Panther, Jerry Lawler, Black Saint, Nacho Berrero, Brian McGruff, Jose Elizia, and lady wrestlers Princess Jasmine, Midnight Rider, Candy Divine, and Karen Kendall.

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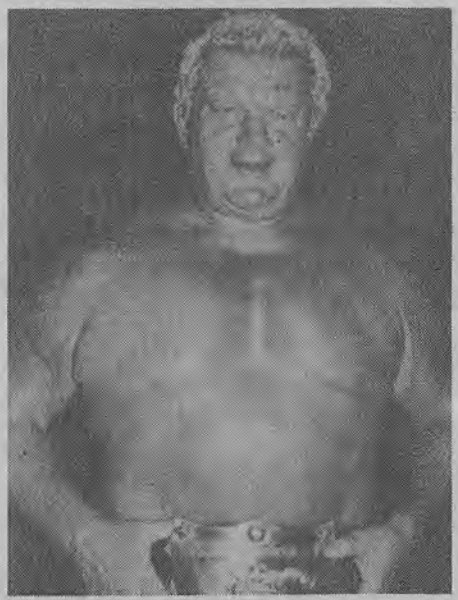

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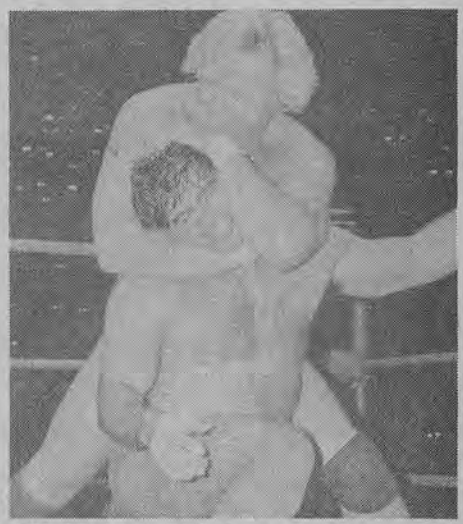

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MID SOUTH Wrestling NEWS

"MAGNUM" TERRY ALLEN HOLDS NORTH AMERICAN HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

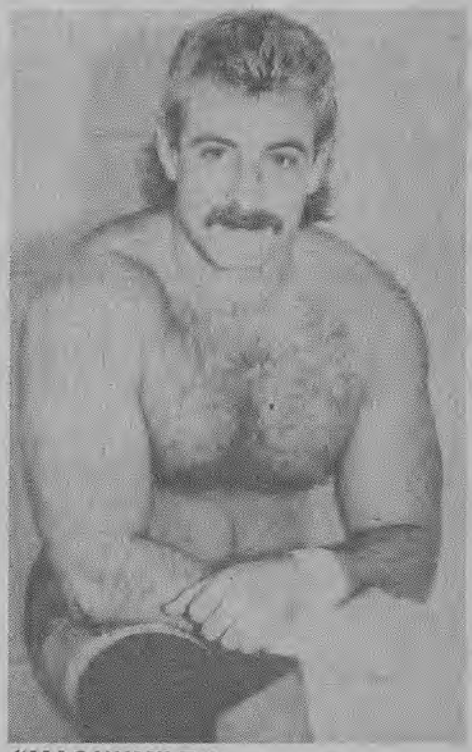
"Magnum" Terry Allen defeated his former coach, Mr. Wrestling II (who now insists on being called Mr. Wrestling #1) to win the North American Heavyweight Championship. Mr. Wrestling #1 has since then also had a falling out with his identically masked tag team partner who has been known here as Mr. Wrestling #2. The two masked men are both highly ranked as challengers for the North American crown and once their feud is over the winner should be challenging for it.

One of the biggest feuds here is between The Junkyard Dog and "Hacksaw" Butch Reed. These two Black superstars have been at each other on and off for almost a year now. If this feud ever ends the winner will certainly also be in line for a title match.

And speaking of feuds in the Mid South, certainly none is bigger than the one between the two tag teams known as The Express. Specifically, the latest chapter saw The Midnight Express ("Beautiful" Bobby Eaton & "Lover Boy" Dennis Condry, under the management of Jimmy Cornette) defeat The Rock & Roll Express (Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson) to win the Mid South Tag Team Championship.

"Krusher" Khrushchev (formerly Darsow) continues to hold the Mid South Television Championship, but he has really been challenged of late by Terry Taylor. Khrushchev also forms a very potent tag team with Nikolai Volkoff.

Other top stars appearing in the Mid South area during the past month include Masaio Ito, "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan, "Nature Boy" Buddy Landell, Steve "Dr. Death" Williams, Sonny King, Barry Orton, and a very impressive rookie named Mark Ragin. Also Bob Owens, John King, Lanny Poffo, George Weingeroff, Joe Savoldi, Jeff Young, Mike Jackson, Steve Brinson, Pat Rose, Tony Torres, Randy Barber, Jason Wacker, Greg Kaslav, and The Shadow.



"MAGNUM" T.A.

Vice President Bush a Sports Fan

When promoter Paul Boesch was touring New Zealand and Australia recently he received a phone call from Pete Birkholz that excited him. His friend Vice President George Bush, had sent him an invitation to join his private party for the opening game of the Houston Astros at the Astrodome. The Vice President was scheduled to throw out the first ball.

Boesch terminated his trip abruptly and hurried home. He arrived in town to take his wife, Valerie, and his son, Joey, to the game and meet with some of Bush's friends.

"The Vice President is a true sports fan," said Boesch, "and best of all from my point of view, he is a wrestling fan."

Mr. Bush was Little League coach for the team on which Wahoo McDaniel played when they lived in Odessa. He was and still is a Wahoo fan. He also is a good friend of Ernie Ladd and follows Ernie's career closely.

The Vice President received a great reception from baseball fans when he whipped in the first ball. But the officials called it a "Ball!"

However, when he returned to the private box and his friends, Joey Boesch offered his opinion:

"Mr. Vice President, if I had been the umpire I would have called that a strike."

Mr. Bush, an astute diplomat, retorted: "Joey, I accept your decision as official."

Joey is a perfect umpire...he is blind!

The tag team of Ricky Morton and Robert Gibson, known as "The Rock And Roll Express," has really captured the hearts of the fans in the Mid South. They are embroiled in a bitter feud with another team known as The Midnight Express.

In and out have been such stars as The Intelligent Sensational Destroyer, Brad Armstrong, Ted DiBiase, Ernie Ladd, Jay Youngblood, The Super Destroyers, "Iceman" King Parsons, "Rock & Roll" Buck Zum Hofe, and a masked Stagger Lee (who many feel is really The Junkyard Dog). Also Chris Adams & Stella Mae and "Gorgeous" Jim Garvin & Precious have carried their feud from Dallas over into the Mid South area several times. And World's Lady Wrestling Tag Team Champions Princess Victoria and Velvet McIntyre defended their title against the challenge of Lei Lani Kai & Wendy Richter. In Houston, Jose Lothario and Hector Guerrero have been active, first as a tag team and later as rivals.

Top crowds have been turning out throughout the area and all M.S.W.A. member promoters report record attendance including Bill Watts (in Oklahoma), Paul Boesch & Peter Birkholz (in Houston), George & Gil Culkin (in Mississippi), and Jack Curtis Jr. & Grizzly Smith (in Louisiana).

The biggest events of all in the Mid South in recent years have been the ex-

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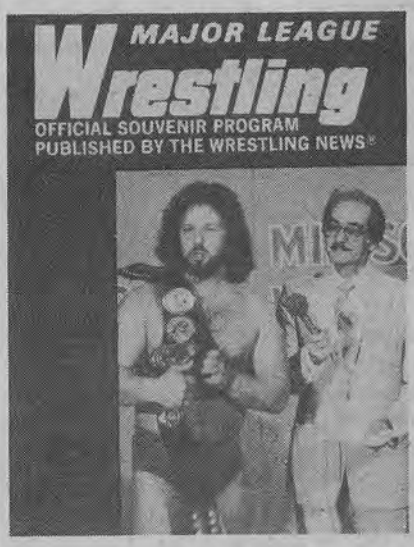

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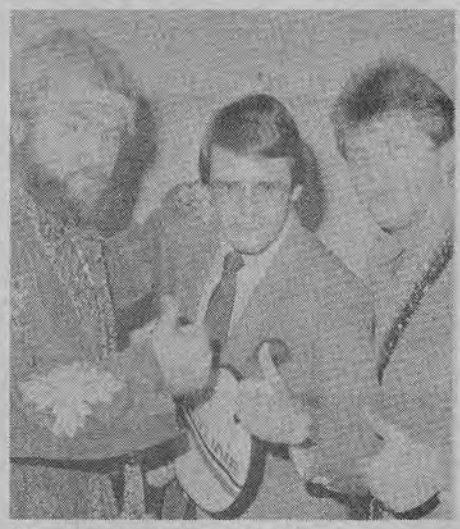
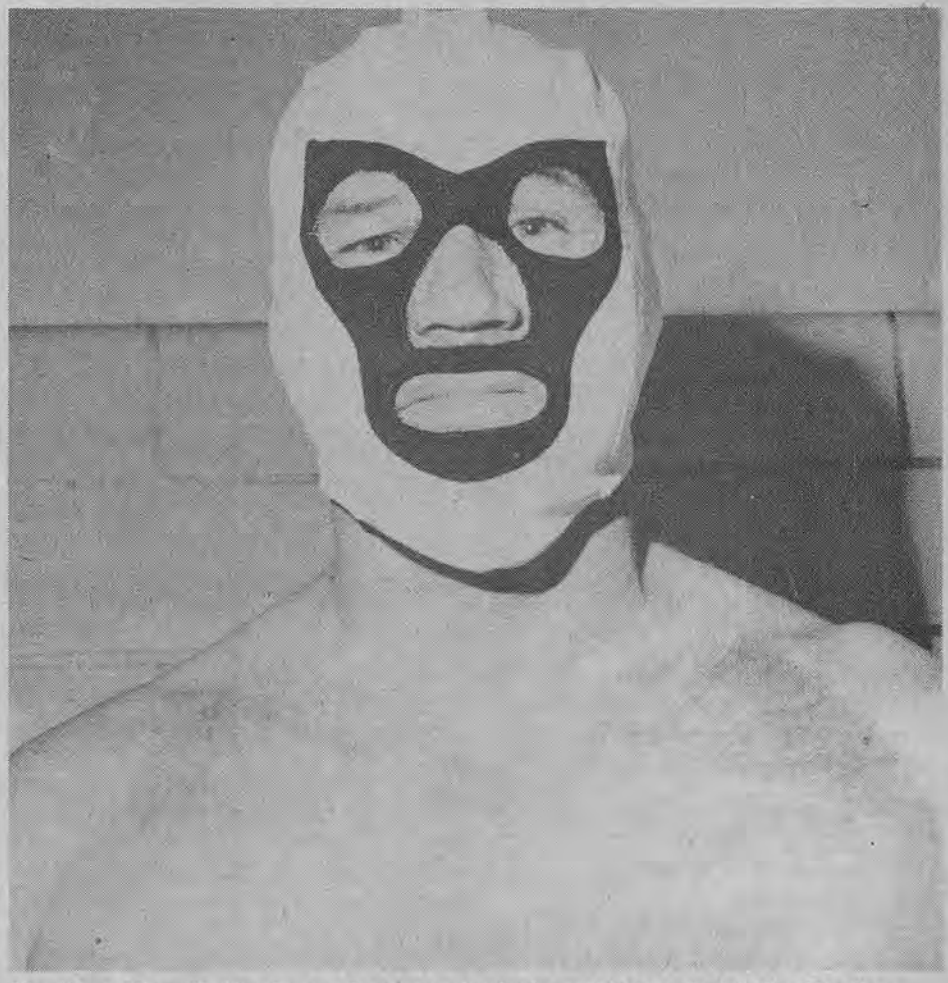


"Lover Boy" Dennis Condry, manager Jimmy Cornette, and "Beautiful" Bobby Eaton make up the alliance known as "The Midnight Express."



Mr. Wrestling II, the legendary masked star who has held the North American Heavyweight Champoinship several times, now insisted on being called Mr. Wrestling #1. After one of his proteges, "Magnum" T.A. broke with him and then took the title away from him, Mr. Wrestling #1 brought in a new protege who wore a similar mask and who was called Mr. Wrestling #2 by him but this alliance was also short lived. II (or #1 if you please) is a great coach and his students do well, but II can't seem to stand it when a student of his does as well or better than him.

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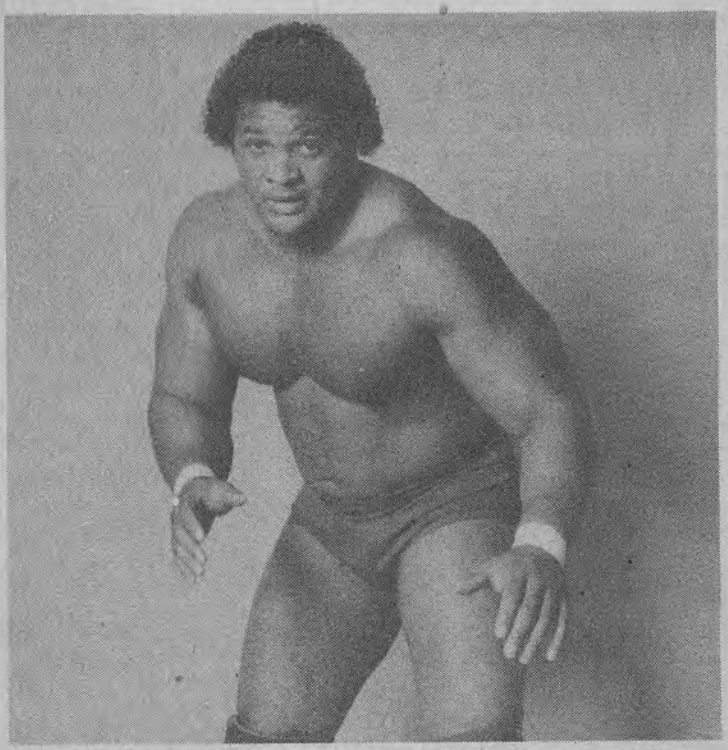

There have been many bitter feuds in the history of the Mid South Wrestling Association, but none more bitter than the one that has gone on for some time between The Junkyard Dog (left) and "Hacksaw" Butch Reed (right). These two Black superstars just do not like each other, and continue to be out to destroy each other.

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MID ATLANTIC Wrestling NEWS

RICKY STEAMBOAT MAKES TRIUMPHANT RETURN FROM RETIREMENT — WINS U.S. TITLE

In this section we will take a look at the N.W.A. booking office in Charlotte, North Carolina, headed by promoters Jim and David Crockett. They present cards regularly throughout the Carolinas and Virginia and are also associated with several other promotions.

Since our last report Ric Flair has made several title defenses here including ones against Dory Funk Jr., Dick Slater (apparently ending Slater's World title claim), and against Ricky Steamboat (who came out of a short retirement).

Although Steamboat failed to win the World's Heavyweight Championship he did subsequently defeat Dick Slater to win this area's top singles title — the United States Heavyweight Championship.

Running down the rest of the titles recognized here, we will first look at the Mid Atlantic Heavyweight Championship. Since our last report Angelo Mosca Jr. lost it and then regained it during a series of matches with Ivan Koloff. Subsequently Mosca Jr. was defeated by The Masked Outlaw who holds the title at last report. Many feel that The Outlaw is really Dory Funk Jr.

Mark Youngblood upset Dick Slater in the finals of a tournament to win the Mid Atlantic Television Championship. Then Tully Blanchard defeated Mark for the title.

Mark Youngblood and Wahoo McDaniel defeated Don Kernodle and Bob Orton Jr. to win the area's World's Tag Team Championship. Mark and Wahoo then lost the title to Jack and Jerry Brisco, but regained it in a rematch — so Youngblood and McDaniel are again the champions as we go to press.

Our latest report is that Ivan Koloff and Don Kernodle hold the Mid Atlantic Tag Team Championship. The last champions we had listed were Bugsy McGraw and Rufus R. Jones. We are not sure when and how the title changed hands or if there were any titleholders between these two teams.

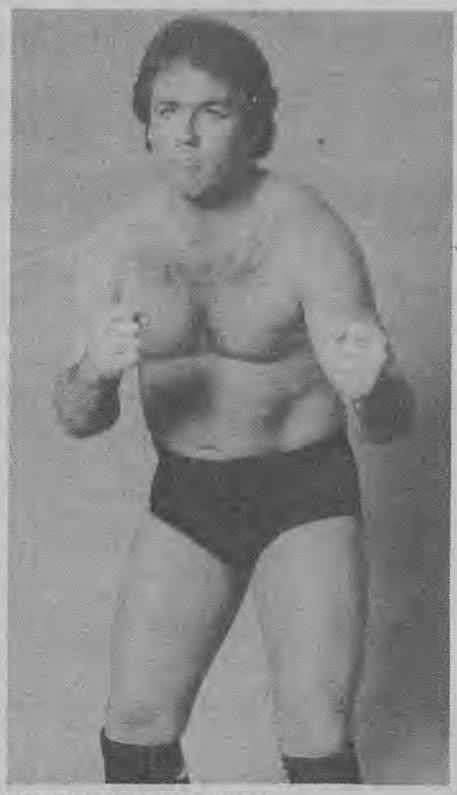
Other wrestlers who have appeared on Mid Atlantic cards since our last report and who were not included in our title rundown include The Assassins (one of them was unmasked by Jimmy Valiant as Ray Hernandez), The Grapplers, Barry Orton, Angelo Mosca Sr., Tommy Rich, Pez Whatley, Johnny Weaver, Bobby Bass, The Great Kabuki (managed by Gary Hart), Swede Hanson, Vinnie Valentino, Hans Schroeder, Ben Alexander, Kurt von Hess, Keith Larson, Mark Fleming, Ali Bey, Brickhouse Brown, Sam Houston, Stan Hansen, Bret Hart, Brian Addias, The Road Warriors, The Junkyard Dog, Dusty Rhodes, Ernie Ladd, Adrian Street, Larry Hamilton, Jeff Sword, Doug Vines.

This promotion in association with the N.W.A. booking offices in Georgia and Puerto Rico presented a big card in New Jersey at The Meadowlands which we will cover in the Georgia section.

We will cover the promotion in Toronto, Ontario, here that is headed by Jack Tunney and Norm Kimber because they book most of their talent through the Mid Atlantic office, and

RICKY STEAMBOAT

DICK SLATER



TULLY BLANCHARD

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recognize the same championships as well as some others. Actually, besides Toronto they have also presented cards recently in the Ontario cities of Brantford, Kitchener, Kingston, and St. Catherine.

Angelo Mosca Sr. held the area's Canadian Heavyweight Championship in our last report, but it was subsequently vacated when he was out of action for a title and a tournament was held to fill it. In the finals Ivan Koloff defeated Brian Adidas to win it. Others in that competition were Vinnie Valentino, Pez Whatley, Tully Blanchard, Dick Slater, Leo Burke, Carlos Colon, The Great Kabuki, Angelo Mosca Jr., Jay Youngblood, Mark Youngblood, Buddy Hart, Jake Roberts, The Grapplers, Terry Kay, and Johnny Weaver.

Ric Flair defended the World's Heavyweight Championship turning back the challenge of former titleholder Harley Race. Leo Burke has defended his North American title claim several times turning back challenges from Buddy Hart, although losing on disqualification in one of the bouts. Don Kernodle holds the area television championship, although he lost a title match to Tony Parisi. Parisi's victory came after the first fifteen minutes, the time limit during which the title was at stake although not the time limit for the entire match.

Others not already mentioned who have appeared on cards of this promotion since our last report include Jimmy Valiant, Dusty Rhodes, The Assassins (managed by Paul Jones), Swede Hanson, J.J. Dillon, Bobby Bass, Kurt von Hess, John Bonello,

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Rudy Kay, Rufus R. Jones, Dory Funk Jr., The Intelligent Sensational Destroyer, Goldie Rogers, Bob Marcus, Gary Royal, Sam Houston, Ben Alexander, Nick DeCarlo, Bob Markus, Danny Johnson, Don Kolov, Denis Goulet, Ludger Proulx, and Billy "Red" Lyons.

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Spotlight On "Hustler" Rip Rogers

By Carl VonDielingen

As the music begins playing to the tune of "Hot Stuff" by the Rolling Stones, the fans sit on the edge of their seats to yell at the figure they know will be appearing. Out of the dressing room struts "Hustler" Rip Rogers and his valet, Miss Brenda Britton. The fans boo feverishly as the strutting Rogers approaches the ring. Decked out in one of his flamboyant pink robes and wild outfits, he slowly climbs into the ring. His personal valet, Miss Brenda Britton, follows Rip Rogers brushing back his long blond hair.

It seems that Miss Brenda Britton is becoming quite a pest in Southeastern Championship Wrestling. "Hustler" Rip Rogers has held the U.S. Jr. Heavyweight championship belt three times, defeating Tim Horner, Ken Lucas and Larry Hamilton. Brenda Britton has been instrumental in aiding the "Hustler" to victories by using hair spray or other objects on Rip's opponents.

Rogers' current feud is with Canadian Star Jauques Rougeau. They have had some fierce matches in recent weeks. Miss Brenda continues to be a thorn-in-the-side as she aides the "Hustler" with his matches.

"Hustler" Rip Rogers claims to be from various parts of the country. He has said he's from Hollywood, New York, and Florida.

Rip Rogers is actually from Seymour, Indiana. He graduated from Seymour High School in 1972 and then attended Indiana Central University. After graduating from I.C.U. in 1976, he became a high school teacher and football coach. His college football experience helped him coach his first varsity high school team to a 9-1 record.

In 1977 Rogers left the teaching profession to become a body builder and professional wrestler. He toured Canada in 1980 and has since become one of wrestling's upcoming stars.

He teamed with Pistol Pez Whatley to hold the I.W.A. Tag Team championship belts for over 1½ years. He was the U.S. Jr. Heavyweight champion on three separate occasions.

As an avid body builder, Rip Rogers has either won or placed, in the following competitions; Mr. Southern Kentucky, Mr. Central U.S.A., Mr. Indianapolis, Mr. Hoosier State, Mr. Man of Steel and Mr. Kentucky.

"Hustler" Rip Rogers and his valet, Miss Brenda Britton.

Rip met Miss Brenda Britton while wrestling in I.C.W. She was the personal valet for "Macho Man" Randy Savage. However; when the "Macho Man" had to vacate the area, Miss Brenda teamed up with the "Hustler."

She manages Rip's long blond locks and manicures his beard. Miss Britton has appeared in matches against the Fabulous Moolah and has even wrestled Giner the wrestling bear. She is a former professional dancer and holds a brown belt in Karate.

The "team" of "Hustler" Rip Rogers and Miss Brenda Britton have defeated some very good opponents. Recently in the S.C.W. arenas, such stars as: Ken Lucas, Johnny Rich, Scott Armstrong, Larry Hamilton, Robert Fuller and Austin Idol, have fallen to "Hustler Rip Rogers."

Rogers claims his toughest competition has been: Andre the Giant, at 7'5" and over 450 pounds. Rogers, who stands at 5'11" and 228 pounds, was once the tag partner of the Giant. Roddy Piper, Ronnie Garvin, and Lucas are among the opponents that rate as "tough" to handle for Rogers.

It's not for sure where the feud with Rougeau will end, but one thing is for certain, whether "Hustler" Rip Rogers be loved or hated by the fans, they know there will be plenty of action when they hear the music to "Hot Stuff."

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GEORGIA Wrestling NEWS

Gordon Solie interviews Brad Armstrong and his father Bob Armstrong.

In this section we will take a look at the N.W.A. booking office in Atlanta, Georgia. This organization continues to present cards regularly throughout that state and also in Ohio, West Virginia, eastern Pennsylvania, eastern Tennessee and Michigan. Also they continue their successful promotion in Baltimore, Maryland, in association with promoter Gary Juster and now have been presenting cards in other Maryland cities and in New Jersey. The Atlanta television program on TBS, hosted by Gordon Solie and Ole Anderson, is of course seen worldwide through many cable systems.

World's Heavyweight Champion Ric Flair has made several appearances in the area turning back challenges from Jack Brisco, Ronnie Garvin, and Brad Armstrong. World's Junior Heavyweight Champion Les Thornton has also been very active with his most persistant challengers being Tommy Rogers and Tim Horner.

During the time that Jack and Jerry Brisco held the World's Tag Team Championship (Mid Atlantic version) they defended that title here several times, turning back challenges from Wahoo McDaniel & Jay Youngblood, and from Sweet Brown Sugar (Skip Young) & Tommy Rogers.

Brad Armstrong lost the area National Heavyweight Championship to The Spoiler but then regained it. Jake Roberts lost the area television championship to Ronnie Garvin.

Both The Spoiler and Roberts are members of manager "Precious" Paul Ellering's "Legion of Doom" and although they both lost titles, his stable in the persons of Animal & Hawk still hold the National Tag Team Championship.

Animal and Hawk are better known simply as The Road Warriors. Among the teams they have defended against since our last report are King Kong Bundy & Jay Youngblood, Bundy & Jimmy Valiant, Bundy & Tim Horner, Jay Youngblood & Wahoo McDaniel, Stan Hansen & Bundy, Jerry Lawler & Austin Idol, and Wahoo & Bundy. The Warriors did lose the title to Bundy & The Masked Superstar, but then regained it.

Others who have appeared on cards of this promotion since our last report include Jesse Barr, Larry Zbyszko, Nikolai Volkoff, Jerry Blackwell, Jos Leduc, Rocky Jones, Mark Hill, Dale Veasey, Steve Brunson, Pat Rose, Jim Turner, Mike Starbuck, Larry Santana, Bob Roop, Randy Barber, Jason Walker, Mike Jackson, Roger Bond, Steve Starr, Terry Ellis, Joe Turner, The Junkyard Dog, Tully Blanchard, and King Konga.

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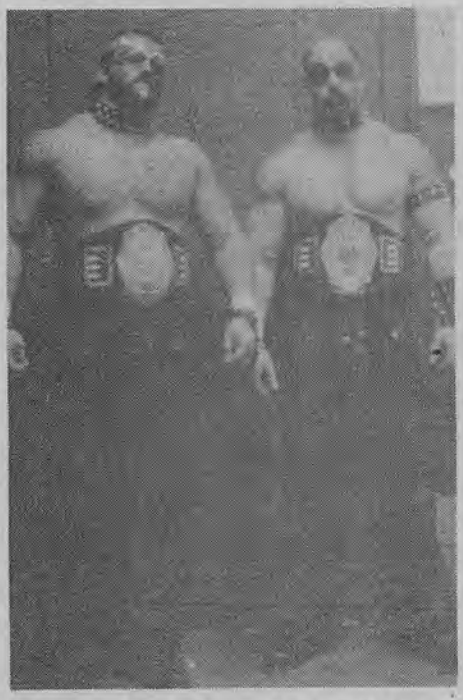
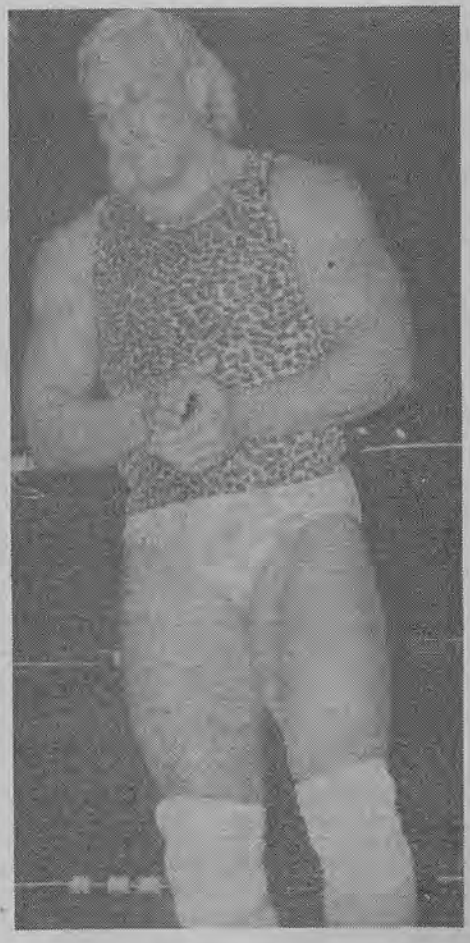


The Road Warriors (Animal & Hawk — left) now hold the National Tag Team Championship. they are managed by "Precious" Paul Ellering (right) who sometimes also enters the squared circle as a contestant.



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Champions'' on May 29th in New Jersey in a card that combined the best talent from this N.W.A. booking office and those in the Mid Atlantic and in Puerto Rico over 17,000 fans turned out in spite of a torrential rainstorm to witness what many feel is the best card from top to bottom presented in the northeast in many years.

In the main event Rick Flair defeated Ricky Steamboat to retain the World's Heavyweight Championship. The Road Warriors kept their National Tag Team Championship turning back Jimmy Valiant & King Kong Bundy. Carlos Colon retained his W.W.C. Heavyweight Championship defeating Tully Blanchard. Ronnie Garvin kept his World Television title stopping Jake ''The Snake'' Roberts. The Invader #1 defeated The Great Kabuki.

Les Thornton retained his World's Junior Heavyweight Championship when both he and El Grande Apollo were disqualified. Ivan Koloff & Don Kernodle defeated Pistol Pez Whatley & Mark Youngblood. Stan Hansen retained his Pacific Wrestling Federation heavyweight title when he and Wahoo McDaniel were both disqualified. With this success there will probably follow more N.W.A. cards in the New York City metropolitan area.

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New Lady Tag Team on Championship Trail

By Pat Langer

Miss Despina Mantagas is one of the newest faces on the girl wrestling scene here in the United States. Known as "The Greek Goddess", she was born in Greece, on the isle of Icaria, in 1961. She was a young child when her family moved to the United States — first to New York and then settling in Tampa, Florida.

Growing up in one of Tampa's tougher neighborhoods, she realized she had to be tough to survive. She started lifting weights and working out. Then, one day when she saw a girls wrestling match on television she decided to try out for the sport herself.

She came out with flying colors. She trained hard in the wrestling school for a year, and now has been wrestling for a year — appearing in matches all over the U.S.A. and in Canada and New Zealand as well. Despina stands 5'8" and weighs in at 148 pounds. She recently has formed a tag team with one of the other top stars in our sport — Lei Lani Kai.

Lei Lani Kai was born on January 23rd, 1958, in the beautiful state of Hawaii. She stands 5'6" and weighs in at a neat 145 pounds with the outstanding measurements of 36-24-36. With her beautiful dark eyes and olive complexion, she has often been mistaken for a model or an actress, but inside the ring she shows that she is indeed a very potent professional lady wrestler.

At an early age she saw her first wrestling match in Honolulu. She loved every second of it and became a great fan. Every time there was a wrestling match in Honolulu, Lei Lani was at ringside. Finally, the girl wrestlers came to Honolulu to wrestle and this thrilled Lei Lani even more. After the girls had finished wrestling, she asked to be introduced to the promoter, Ed Francis. She told him that she had decided to become a professional girl wrestler and nothing could change her mind. Ed Francis arranged for Lei Lani to have a work-out at the local gym. Right away he saw a great future for her in professional girl wrestling, so Ed gave Lei Lani the address of a professional wrestling school in Columbia, South Carolina, where she trained very hard for one year and came through with flying colors. Today she is ranked as one of the top women wrestlers in the world. She is a spit-fire from the time the bell rings and has no mercy on her opponents.

Her hobbies are swimming, boating and surfing. She holds several medals and trophies for swimming. She also has a large collection of trophies for wrestling; which she proudly displays in her den at home.

Both Despina and Lei Lani have excelled in individual competition, but now have formed a team with one ultimate purpose in mind. That is to unseat Velvet McIntyre & Princess Victoria and to become the World's Tag Team Champions. Many experts feel that this championship is in their future — their very near future.

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C.W.A. Wrestling NEWS

IDOL, SAVAGE, LAWLER AND HUMUNGUS ALL ON TOP IN TENNESSEE

The Continental Wrestling Association, headed by promoter Jerry Jarrett, presents cards regularly in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana. Their biggest regular events are in Memphis. They hold membership in both the A.W.A. and the N.W.A. To start off with we will run down the title changes and action.

Austin Idol held the C.W.A. International Heavyweight Championship and turned back challenges from Ric Rude, Joe Leduc, and King Konga before losing it to Randy Savage — titleholder as we go to press. Savage is managed by his father, Angelo Poffo.

Road Warrior Humungus defeated Jerry Lawler to win the A.W.A. Southern Heavyweight Championship, however Lawler is not without a title as he defeated Humungus to win the Mid American Heavyweight Championship. Humungus had earlier won that title from Randy Savage. As you can see, it has been a sort of musical chairs between the holders of the three area championships here.

As far as we know, Austin Idol & Dutch Mantell still hold the C.W.A. World's Tag Team Championship although that title has not been on the line in any recent reports we have received. The big action on the tag team scene concerns the A.W.A. Southern Tag Team Championship. At the start of this period it was held by Norvell Austin & Koko Ware (who was then appearing as a masked Stagger Lee). Austin & Ware lost the title to The Zambui Express (Elija Akeem & Kareem Muhammad) who subsequently lost it to Jerry Lawler & Joe Leduc. Lawler and Leduc then broke up and this title was declared vacant.

A tournament was held and in the finals Jackie Fargo's New Fabulous Ones (as he calls the team of Tommy Rich & Eddie Gilbert under his management) defeated The Pretty Young Things (as Koko Ware & Norvell Austin now call themselves — sporting the Michael Jackson look). Other teams in this competition besides the New Fabs and the PYTs were Scott

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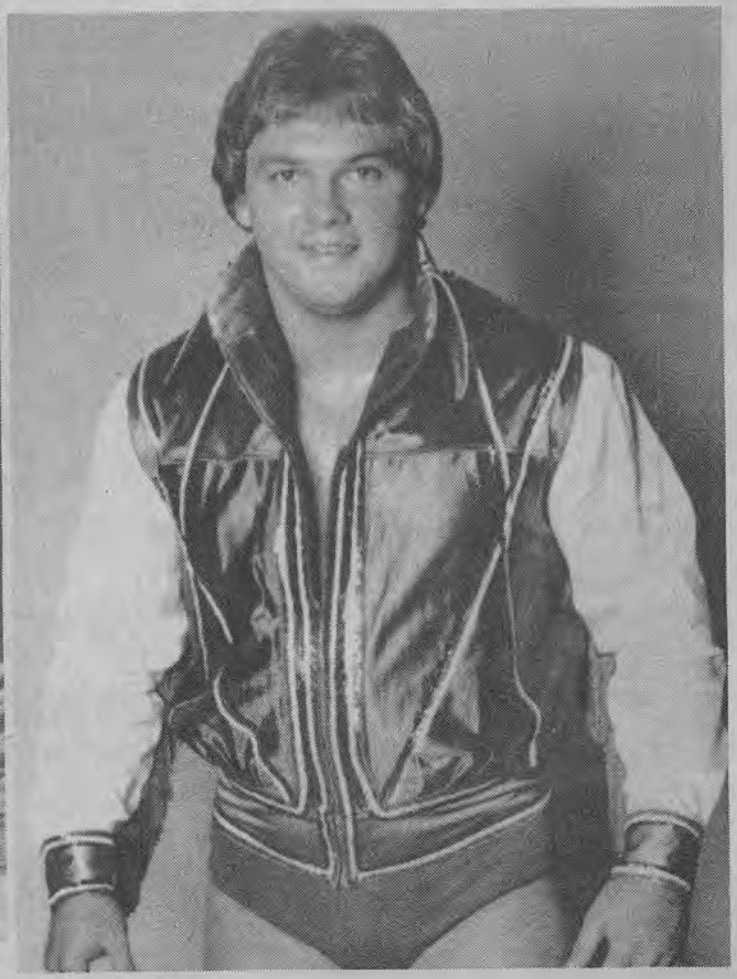

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(McGhee) Shannon & Rick McCord, King Konga & The Black Ninja, The A-Team, Harley Davidson & Dirty Rhodes, Randy Savage & The Black Demon, Dutch Mantel & Jesse Ortega, and Art Crews & Tom Jones.

Other wrestlers active in this area since our last report include Road Warriors Animal and Hawk, Mr. Ebony, Buggsy McGraw, Tommy Gilbert, Jimmy Hart, The Bruise Brothers (Troy Graham & Pork Chop Cash), Tommy Gilbert, Sabu, Brian Adidas, Larry Higgins, The Executioners, The Moondogs, Mad Dog, Killer Karl Krupp, Robert Reed, Terry Gibbs, The Angel, Danny Brower, J.J. Dillon, Ox Baker, Jim Neidhart, Jimmy Valiant, The Assassin #1 (with manager Paul Jones), Nick Bockwinkel, The Junkyard Dog, The Grappler, Omar Atlas, Brickhouse Brown, The Japanese Assassin, Johnny Wilhoit, The Super Gladiator, Tiger Mask, and Bart Batten. Also lady wrestlers Penny Mitchell, Lei Lani Kai, Princess Victoria, Wendi Richter, and Despina Montagas.

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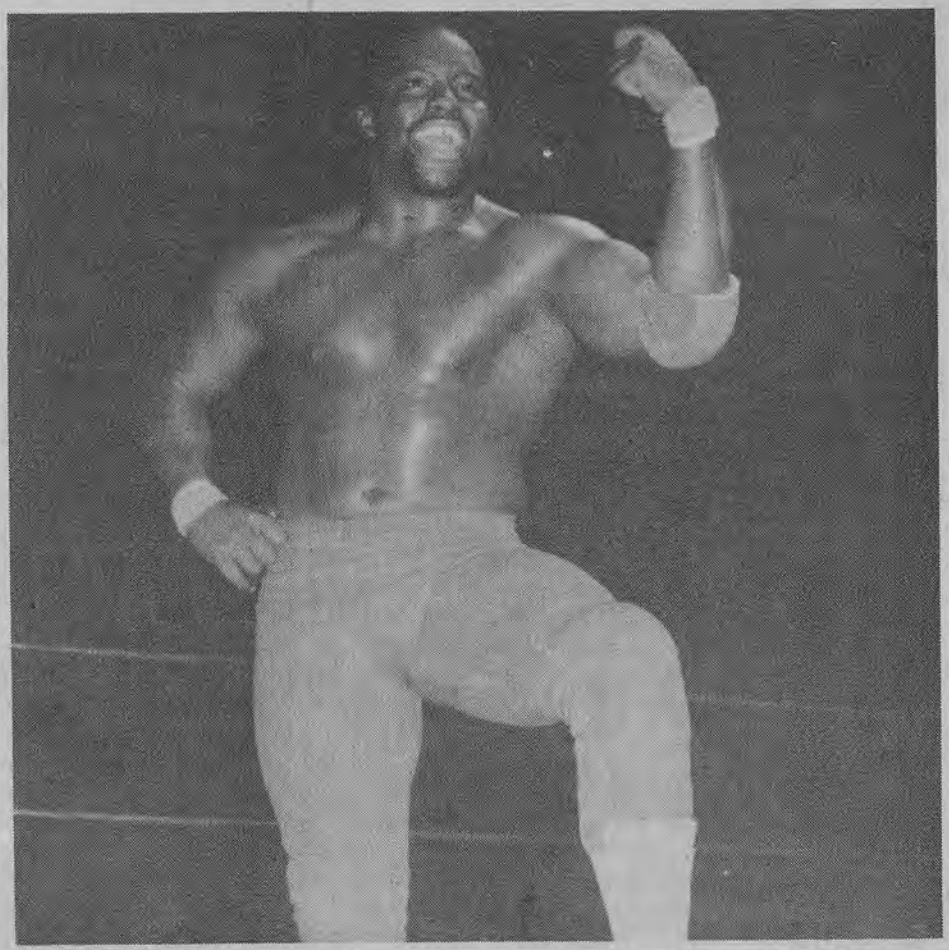

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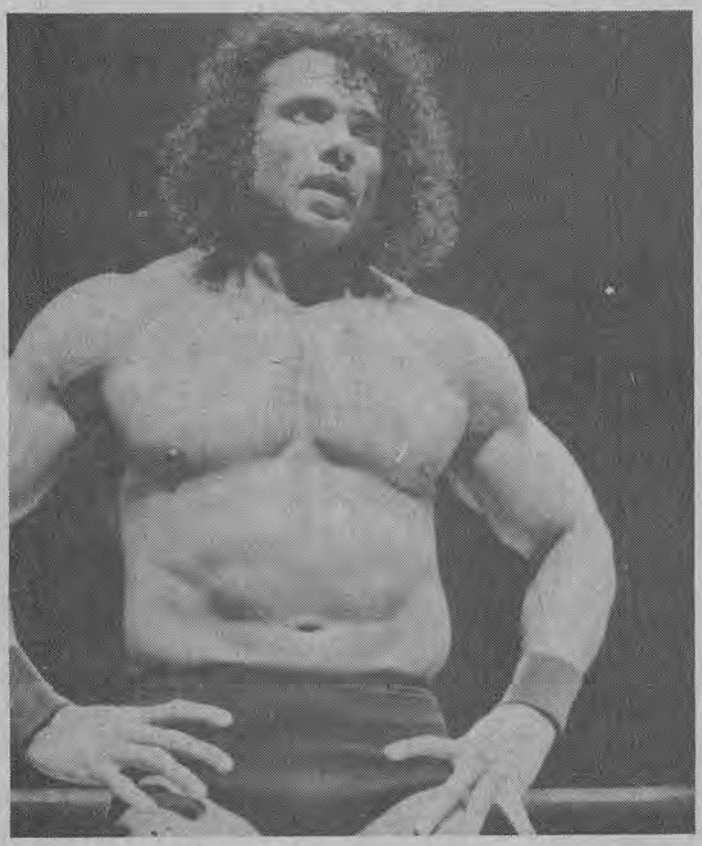
The Michael Jackson Persuasion In The WWF

By Carol Buffin



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Super rock star Michael Jackson has not only had a profound effect on the music industry, but on all walks of life. People everywhere have felt his magic and have been influenced by his success. Jackson's touch has even reached the world of professional wrestling in the WWF.

First to take advantage of the Michael Jackson persuasion was Rene Goulet, master of a fierce clawhold. (Perhaps like that of a werewolf?) Goulet used to wear a simple black glove to cover the hand used on his victims. But, now he sports a white silver-beaded glove identical to the one Jackson wears. Mere coincidence? Hardly.

Then Titan Sports recently introduced a new opening to their TV wrestling program to keep up with the times and changes in the federation. It now features the music to Jackson's "Thriller," as current-reigning WWF champion Hulk Hogan makes his way from his Madison Square Garden dressing room the night of January 23, 1984 when he captured the title from The Iron Sheik. Shots of Hogan's victorious match change to the beat of the music, and then it's back to the dressing room where Andre the Giant pours champagne over Hogan's blonde head. The new opening captivates with the combined charisma of Michael Jackson and Hulk Hogan — both of superstar status. It expresses the fresh, dynamic drive of Titan Sports. Once again, the Michael Jackson persuasion performs its magic.

But, most of all, there is one person in the WWF who can be described as the Michael Jackson of wrestling. That person had the Jackson magic before Michael Jackson even became hot. That person is Superfly Jimmy Snuka.

The similarity doesn't end with both of them having black, kinky locks tumbling onto their foreheads. No, it goes much deeper than that. Both men have that intangible charm, that inexplicable ability to capture the hearts of millions of people. They are phenomenal, spectacular to watch at what they do. They are award winners — Jackson with his Grammys and Snuka with his WWF Wrestler of the Year Award for 1983. In music, there is Michael Jackson, and then there's everybody else. So it is with Jimmy Snuka in wrestling. Both men are high-calibre, in a class of their own.

Like Jackson, Snuka shines in the spotlight and appears aggressive. But, in reality, away from the stage, the cameras, and the ring, each is shy and reserved. It's the mark of very creative minds. They are also alike in the way that they move, as graceful and agile as majestic tigers. Michael Jackson displays it in his dancing, and Jimmy Snuka displays it in his wrestling. They are masters of their bodies. They command and demand from themselves and they receive. And that's why they are so phenomenal. Just as Michael Jackson has the magic of persuasion, so does Superfly Jimmy Snuka. They have the golden touch. Jackson lights up everything he touches, and Snuka lights up the WWF.

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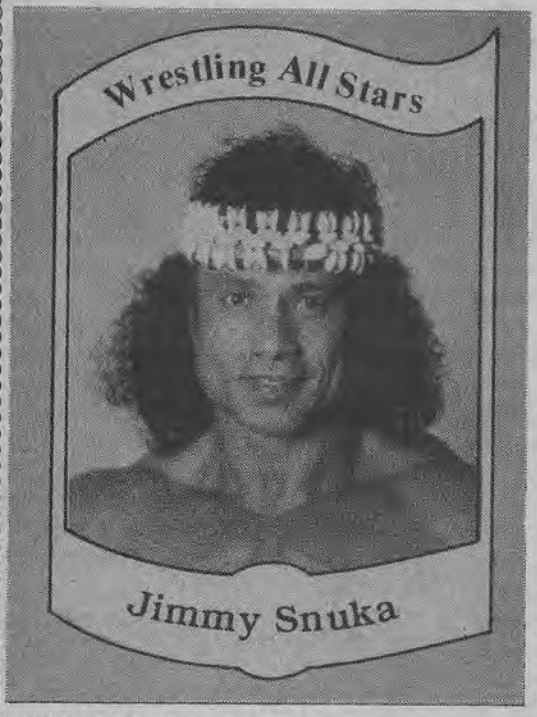

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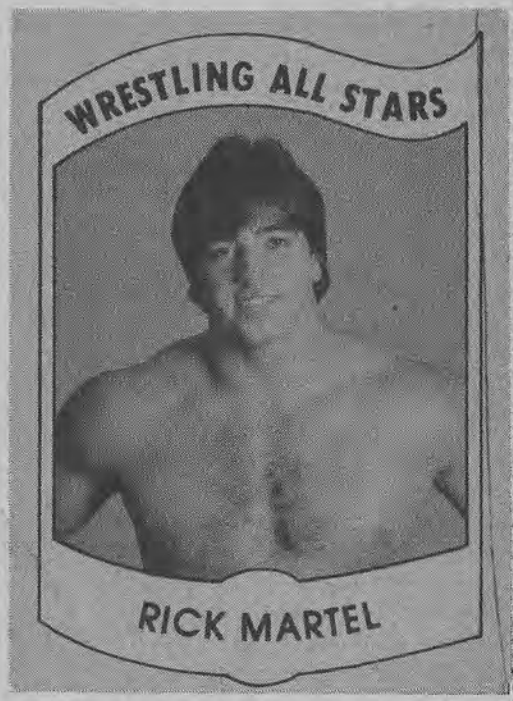

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PACIFIC Wrestling NEWS

FLAIR AND RACE MEET DOWN UNDER

In this section of The Wrestling News we will attempt to cover the professional wrestling held in the Pacific Islands, Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore. We will start off with a report sent us by long time correspondent Dave Cameron from New Zealand:

"N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Champion paid us a brief return visit when he put his title on the line twice against former champion Harley Race. Ric managed to hold on to the crown here after two very controversial bouts with Race. On two occasions Race had his arm raised only to have the decisions reversed due to a technicality. The N.W.A. in the U.S.A. were advised and the decisions were upheld.

"Ric Flair put the issue beyond doubt three nights later in Singapore before a sell out crowd of 5½ thousand screaming Malaysians. The fans of the South Pacific were treated to some excellent wrestling and look forward to a future visit by Flair. Also active here were two of the famous Hart family from Canada, sons of the great Stu Hart. Keith and Bruce were popular boys out here and will be most welcome back. Jerry Morrow, the French speaking Negro, also' won many fans here for his aerial work. Ed "Moondog" Moretti made a welcome re-appearance here after two years absence and soon had the fans screaming. Ed is a real crowd pleaser and the fans here enjoy his style.

"Luke Williams, one half of the world famous tag combination "The Sheepherders" made a welcome return visit to his homeland. Unfortunately Luke injured his back and needed some rest before he returned to his partner in Texas.

"Commonwealth Champion Steve Rickard appeared in excellent early season form and showed the results of a fitness campaign during the off season. His sons Tony and Ricky are also wrestling well. Ricky made a return to wrestling after some serious injuries and is still as popular as ever. The fighting Rickard family then headed for a tournament in Singapore together with New Zealand Champion Ripper Morgan.

"New Zealand's promoter-wrestler Steve Richard is currently again in Asia trying to sign up some leading Asian and Japanese wrestlers.

"Paul Boesch from Houston, Texas, made a welcome visit to his second favorite country in the world. Paul spent a week here with his wife and family before flying on to Australia.

"It was a great thrill for me to see Paul again. He was last here in 1949 and he has always been one of my favorite people. Paul traveled by car and plane around some of his old haunts in New Zealand and met many old friends. Sure was great meeting him again. He first came here in 1936, 1939, and 1947."

Per our other reports it appears that promoter Steve Rickard in New Zealand and promoter Terry Priest plan to run about four special combined tours per year bringing in a group of wrestles cooperatively. We had no new reports on the status of wrestling in Australia since our last report so do not know what is happening there.

We did receive reports from Polynesian Promotions in Hawaii, the N.W.A. pomotion headed by Mrs. Lia Maivia. According to them the recognized titleholders are Royce Starr (Polynesian Heavyweight Champion) and Super Fly Tui & Super Samoan Sakalia (Polynesian Tag Team Champions). Others reported appearing on their recent cards include Farmer Boy Ipo, Lars Anderson, Samoan LeRoy Brown, Richie Magnett, Jimmy Afi Maivia, Mighty Milo, Junior Maivia, Hoagie Young, Jimmy Gilbert, and Fue Manae. On one of the big matches recently here Super Fly Tui and Super Samoan Sakalia contacted Sika and Afa Anoai in the W.W.F. (Samoans #1 and #2) and asked them to send Sam Anoai (Samoan #3) to Honolulu to face Lars Anderson in a main event. It turned into a wild brawl in which Royce Starr became involved against Lars and let to an eventual title winning victory by Royce over Lars. In other action Richie Magnett defeated Matthew Zoe to gain Polynesian Rookie of the Year honors.

In other news out of Hawaii, Ed Francis who promoted in that state up until 1979 announced that he is returning to the business shortly and will start presenting cards there with top W.W.F. stars including Don "The Magnificent" Muraco and Andre the Giant. So far we have no reports on any such cards actually being scheduled there.

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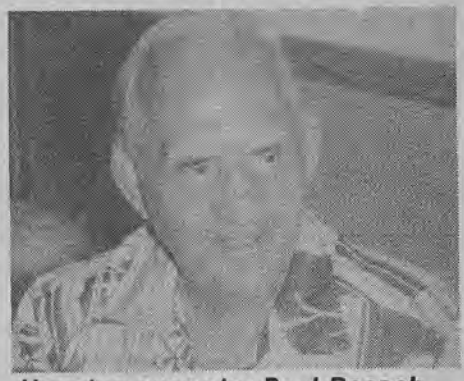

Houston promoter Paul Boesch paid a visit to New Zealand.

At the airport: Jerry Morrow, Keith Hart, Harley Race, Ed Moretti, and Bruce Hart.

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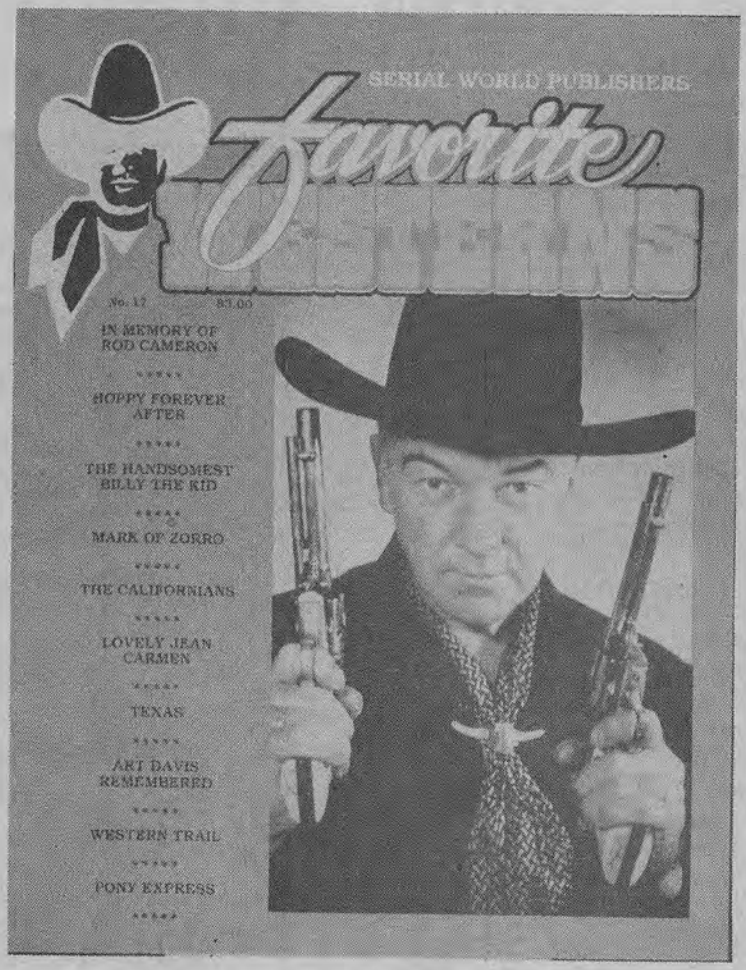

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An Interview With

Randy "Macho Man" Savage and Angelo Poffo

By Pamela Renee' Carpenter

RANDY "MACHO MAN" SAVAGE

ANGELO POFFO

The lights in the arena dim; Irene Cara's hit song, **Fame,** blasts through the speakers — Randy "Macho Man" Savage is in the spotlight once again.

He is adorned in a glistening robe; several multicolored feathers hang from his headband; he pitches metallic-lavender confetti — all this coupled with his dynamic personality is the means by which "Machomania" is spread.

Randy has a strong background in athletics. He is but one of a family involved in pro wrestling. His father, Angelo Poffo, is still a pro wrestler, and was once featured in **Ripley's Believe It or Not** for performing 6,033 consecutive sit-ups. Randy and his brother, Lanny, (also a pro wrestler) were featured on a segment of **PM Magazine;** in which their careers were analyzed. Randy also played minor league baseball, and is an accomplished body builder. Every wrestler needs an athletic foundation; Randy Savage certainly has one.

I had the opportunity to interview both men. It went as follows:

Angelo Poffo

PRC: I read that you are Randy Savages's father. Is that true?

AP: Yes, I'm Randy Savages's father.

PRC: What are some of the recent events occurring in the I.C.W.?

AP: The organization is still going on real well. Paul "Golden Boy" Christy defeated Randy for the I.C.W. World Championship, and is defending the title. Randy is anxious to win the I.C.W. World Heavyweight Championship back. Paul Christy has not given Randy "Macho Man" Savage a rematch; which he should have. Christy has been facing everyone **but** Randy. Since Randy's title loss, he has won the Mid-American N.W.A. Championship from Terry Taylor, and he hopes to hold other titles.

PRC: How is Lanny Poffo's career coming along?

AP: My other son, "Leaping Lanny," is wrestling in Louisiana, and Southwest Texas.

PR: Didn't he spend some time in Canada?

AP: Yes, he did. He was very successful in New Brunswick, Canada, up on Prince Edward Island, the Upper Peninsula, and in New Finland.

Randy "Macho Man" Savage

PRC: How many injuries have you had?

RS: You don't count them. I've had my share, but nothing has ever kept me

NORTHWEST Wrestling NEWS

OLIVER AND THE ASSASSIN WIN TAG TEAM TITLE

DOUG SOMERS

In this section we will look at the N.W.A. booking office in Portland, Oregon, headed by Don Owens and his son Barry Owens. They present cards throughout Oregon and in western Washington.

Since our last report Buddy Rose defeated Rip Oliver to win the Pacific Northwest Heavyweight Championship. However, Oliver is not without a title claim as he teamed with The Assassin to win the Pacific Northwest Tag Team Championship.

Oliver and the masked man have since defended that title against challenges from Curt Hennig & Matt Borne, and from Brett "Hacksaw" Sawyer & Tom Prichard.

Other wrestlers who have seen action here since our last report include Steve Pardee, Ed Wiskoski, Jules Strongbow, Ed Morietti, Jimmy (Siva) Afi, Doug Somers, Jerry O, Mike Miller, Mike Blood, and The Great Tio.

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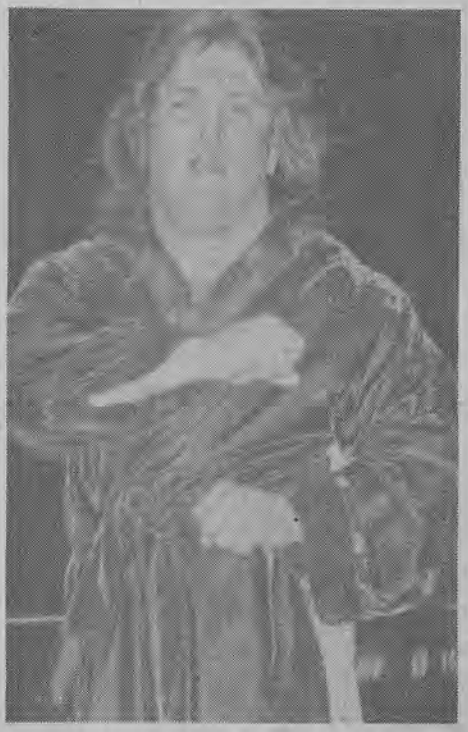


BRETT SAWYER

out for more than six weeks at a time.

PRC: What about the Cage Match you had with Ratamyus — when he jumped from the top of the cage?

RS: I was out for about four weeks there. I had bruised my hip real, real bad; I couldn't walk or nothing, but there weren't any broken bones.

PRC: Have you had a match with Jerry Lawler yet?

RS: No, I have not.

PRC: Do you think he's afraid of you?

RS: I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that he is. I know that for a fact.

PRC: What happened after you tried to obtain a match with him on television? Did he respond to that?

RS: Didn't respond at all; not one word.

PRC: Do you want to go back to the I.C.W., or would you rather stay in the C.W.A.?

RS: I am in the I.C.W. right now. I wrestle in the N.W.A., the C.W.A., and the I.C.W. — in fact, I'm wrestling in about four different organizations right now.

PRC: Where do you prefer wrestling? What is your biggest goal — Georgia, Madison Square Garden? What?

RS: Ah, it could be right here if I get a match with Jerry Lawler. That could be my biggest goal right there. There aren't many people who have beaten Lawler, and there aren't many people who have beaten me. If I go against a guy like Lawler, and he falls down and gets hurt real, real bad — I'm going to be one of the most feared wrestlers in all of pro wrestling; which I already am right now. Beating Lawler would only make my reputation that much better. Then I figure I wouldn't have to go around challenging other people; they would have to come to me.

PRC: How does it feel to be the former I.C.W. World Heavyweight Champion?

RS: On November 26, 1983 in Springfield, Illinois Paul Christy beat me for the I.C.W. World Championship belt. That was the worst day of my life. I had the I.C.W. World Heavyweight Championship for 4 years, 8 months, and 13 days — on top of the world. When Lawler didn't respond to my challenges it was no problem because I had the I.C.W. World Title; now I don't have it. I had people not responding to my challenges; plus, I lost the belt; plus, whenever you've had something, and you don't have it now, people say you're a "has been." I recently won the N.W.A. Mid American Heavyweight Championship belt, so I've got the thing rolling again. I'm not a tag-team wrestler; I'm a singles wrestler. I'm looking for the best singles in the world. The guys from Madison Square Garden can come over and see me. Anyone can come over to my backyard and wrestle me. I've been down to Atlanta, but it really doesn't matter you see because they can come and wrestle me anytime too.

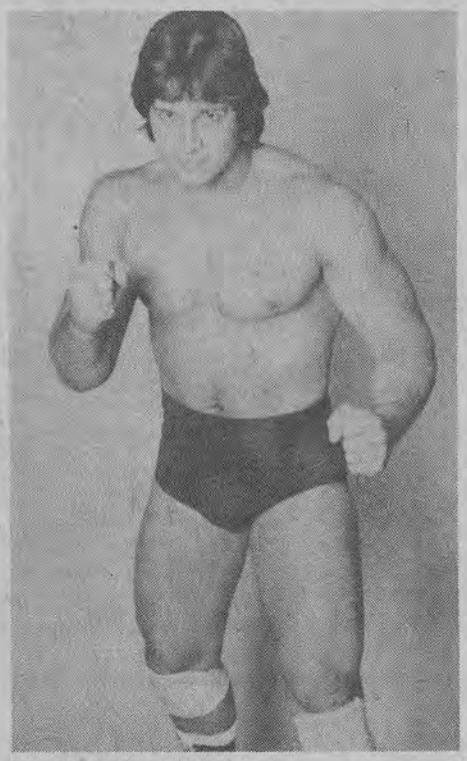
PRC: Thank you for the interview.

A short series of matches between Randy Savage and Jerry Lawler has been signed; more are bound to follow suit.

It is doubtful that Lawler actually fears Randy Savage; however, the ability to dethrone the "King" is there. Savage is popular and hated (Lawler has experienced the same fan response). Randy may not be able to dethrone the "King" today; perhaps he will tomorrow; perhaps he is incapable of such a feat — the "King" is a tenacious individual; likewise is Randy "Macho Man" Savage.

CARIBBEAN Wrestling NEWS

COLON AND MORALES TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS



EL GRAN APOLLO

In this section we will cover the San Juan, Puerto Rico, booking office which presents wrestling throughout the Caribbean islands. They hold membership in the N.W.A. and in the World Wrestling Council.

Carlos "Carlitos" Colon holds the World Wrestling Council Heavyweight Championship. He recently defended it against Tully Blanchard. Sweet Daddy Siki defeated Pedro Morales to win recognition as North American Heavyweight Champion here. Abdullah the Butcher (under the management of Hugo Savinovich) holds the Caribbean Heavyweight Championship and recently defended against Hercules Ayala. King Tonga defeated Bruiser Bob Sweetan to win the Puerto Rico Heavyweight Championship since our last report. Perro Aguayo is recognized as World Wrestling Council Junior Heavyweight Champion.

On the tag team scene Carlos Colon and Pedro Morales still hold the World Wrestling Council Tag Team Championship. We have two different reports saying that The Masked Medics lost the North American Tag Team title recognized here — one saying it was to The Invaders and another saying it was to El Gran Apollo & King Tonga.

Others who are reported appearing on cards here recently include Ric Flair, Victor Jovica, Harley Race, Scrap Iron Scranton, Chicky Starr, Terry Gibbs, Pretty Boy Larry Sharpe, Huracan Castillo Jr., and Badabas.

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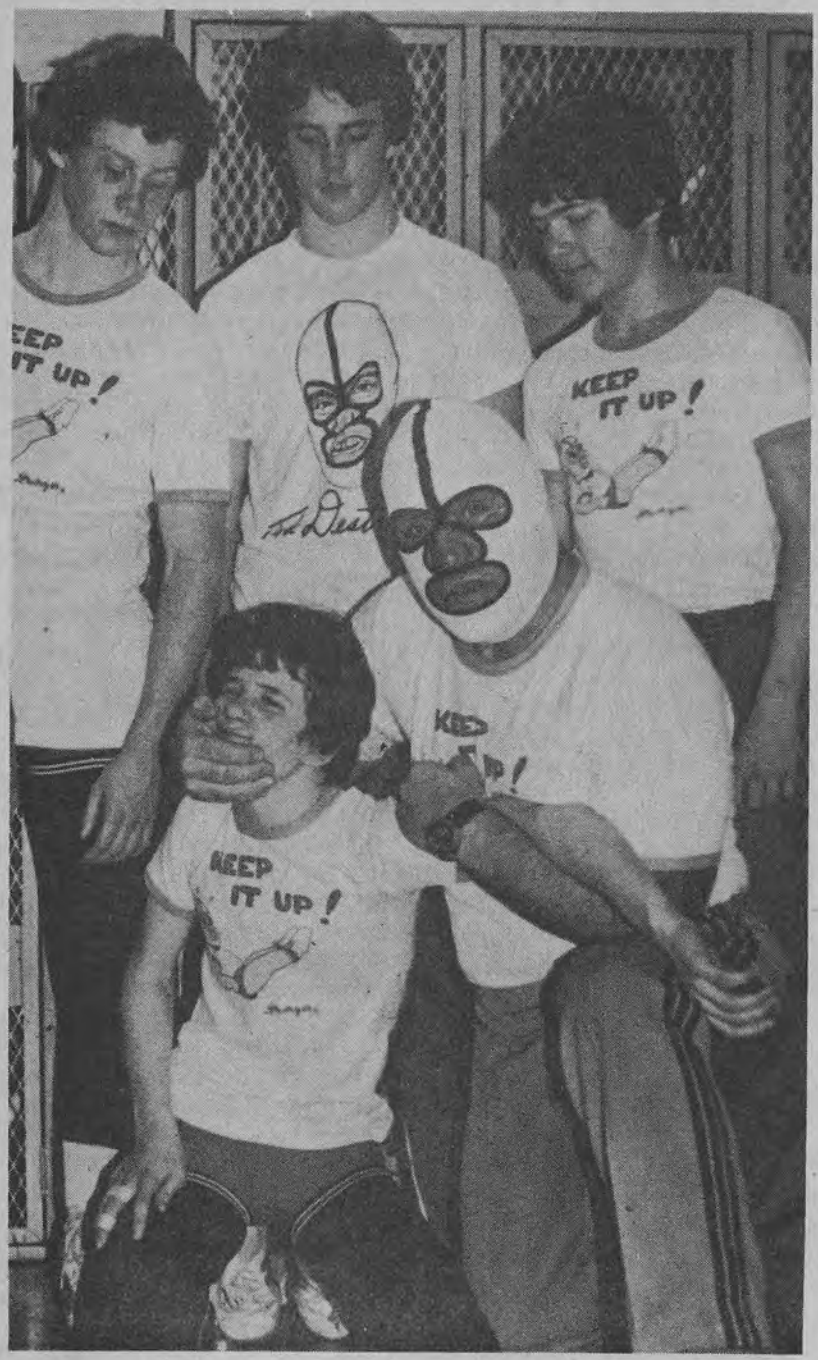

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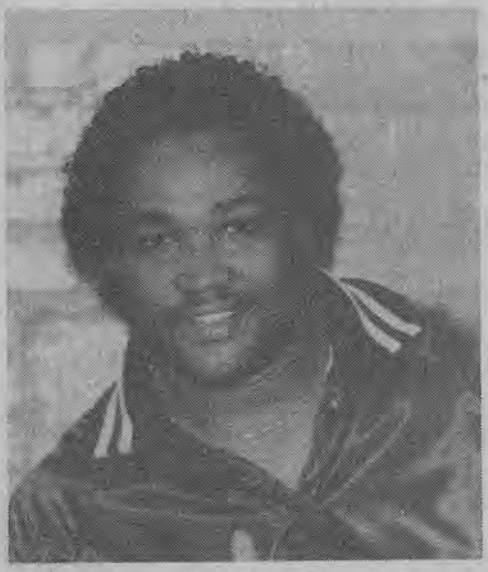
AN INTERVIEW WITH CRAIG CARSON

By Larry Johnson



Q. How long have you been wrestling?

A. I have been wrestling for 2½ years. I started out in Texas where I was trained by Terry Funk, Dick Slater and Red Bastien.

Q. Where are you from?

A. I am originally from Round Rock, Texas. I now live in Memphis, Tenn., went to college at Prairie View A&M but I am from Round Rock.

Q. How old are you?

A. I am 21 years old.

Q. Where are some of the places you have wrestled?

A. I have wrestled in so many places, but the biggest areas are the AWA in Minnesota, the AWA Southern area around Memphis, the Mid South area in Louisiana, and in the Kansas City area. Of course, I have been appearing mostly in the WWA which is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, and covers many cities.

Q. Who has been your toughest opponent?

A. That would be a toss-up between Harley Race and Nick Bockwinkel who are both very tough.

Q. Do you prefer single or tag team wrestling?

A. I am asked that question quite often but I guess it would be single action because if I lose I have no one to blame but myself and if I win I have to give no one credit but myself.

Q. What is your ultimate goal in wrestling?

A. I'm just like anyone else in professional wrestling, I want to be world champion someday. I am hoping to get a few regional titles under my belt first and just work to become a big name in the sport of Pro wrestling.

Q. Who is your favorite tag team partner?

A. There is a famous wrestler now wrestling in the WWA area named Bobo Brazil whom I have enjoyed teaming with. Bobo is truly a legend.

Q. Have you held any titles in your young career?

A. No, not at this time. I have been wrestling any and all comers in hopes of building myself up for a title shot.

Q. What is your present weight?

A. I weigh around 240 pounds at this time.

Q. How do you train to keep in shape for wrestling?

A. I am mainly into Isometrics and I run 5 miles every day.

Q. What areas are you currently wrestling in?

A. I am now under contract for the World Wrestling Association where such stars as Dick The Bruiser and Bobo Brazil are wrestling.

Q. Are you planning any overseas trips?

A. Yes, I am going to Saudi Arabia in 2 months and I will be invading many areas when I come back.

Q. Have you any plans of finding a partner and going after the WWA Tag Titles?

A. Yes, I am looking for a partner right now and there is some new talent coming to the area I think I could mesh well with. There has also been some talk of my teaming with Spike Huber, but we'll have to wait and see.

Q. What was your biggest victory?

A. My biggest victory was over the Black Saint in my first televised bout.

Q. What is your favorite finishing hold?

A. My favorite is the spinning toe hold as used by the Funks. I also like the Bulldog and both holds are very successful.

Q. Who were your wrestling idols when you were growing up?

A. There is no question that Dory and Terry Funk were along with Jerry Lawler.

Q. Did you wrestle in college?

A. No, I played baseball in college and also semi-pro baseball.

Q. In what area did you get your start?

A. I started in the Jarrett promotion and my first match was with Steve Keirn. He is very tough and I learned a lot in that match.

Q. Why did you choose the WWA as your next stop?

A. I think the fans here are some of the greatest I have ever come across and they have accepted me and backed me all the way.

Q. Is there any thing you would like to say to the fans?

A. I would like to say hello and keep coming to my matches and I promise to always give 110%.

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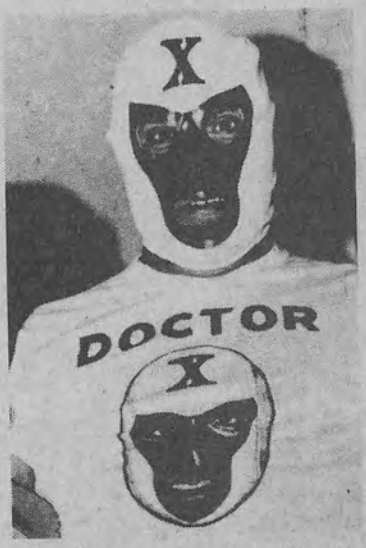

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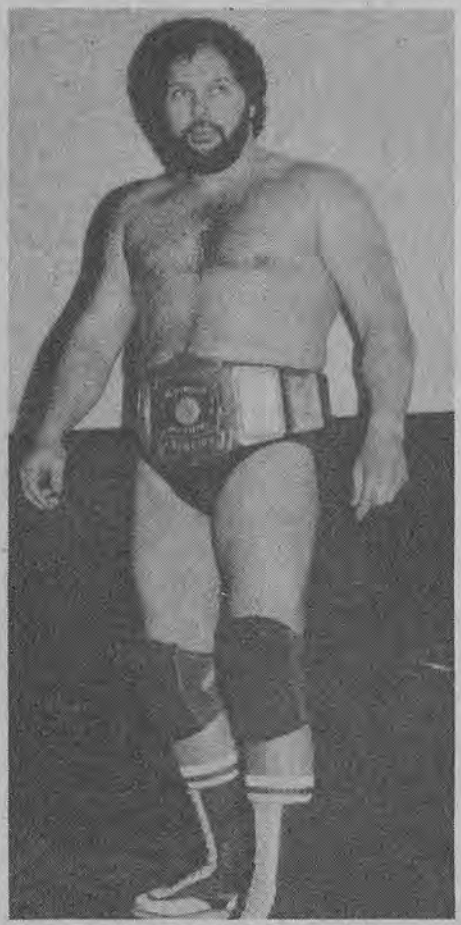

Leo Burke wearing the North American title belt he has been defending recently in Quebec.

In this section we will look at the booking office in Montreal headed by Frank Valois. They promote wrestling in that city and surrounding areas and also work closely with promoter Dick Marshall in Quebec City. They hold membership in the A.W.A. and Ricky Martel who now holds the A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship has been appearing here regularly for years.

Since our last report Jerry Blackwell and Ken Patera defended the A.W.A. World's Tag Team Championship here several times (prior to losing that title) against challenges from The Destroyer & Leo Burke, Tenryu & Richard Charland, and Mad Dog Vachon & Domenic DeNucci.

Dino Bravo continues to hold the area's International Heavyweight Championship. He defended it against Pierre LeFebvre, but lost a non-title match to Ricky Martel (before Martel won the World's Championship) that had Pat O'Connor as the special referee.

Leo Burke has defended his North American heavyweight Championship version here several times, turning back challenges from Richard Charland and from Gino Brito Jr.

Dino Bravo teamed with Tony Parisi to defeat Pierre "Mad Dog" Lefebvre & Frenchy Martina and win the area's International Tag Team title. This was much to the chagrin of Eddie Creachman who is manager here of Lefebvre, Martin, and Abdullah the Butcher.

Others who have appeared on cards here since our last report include Nick Bockwinkel, Billy Robinson, Black Jack Mulligan Sr., Greg Gagne, Baron von Raschke, Bob Boucher, Jim Brunzell, Rocky Della-Serra, Bob Della-Serra, John Rapona, Tito Senza, Gilles Poisson, Merveille Masque, Tony Ricco, Richard Tessier, Sailor "Moondog" White, Louis Lawrence, Larry Zbyszko, Rick Valentine, Denis Goulet, Henri Cardinal, Guy Chabot, The Great Tonga, Reggie Papone, Mike Shaw, Armand Rogeau, and Raymond Rogeau. Also midgets Pancho Boy and Tiger Jackson.

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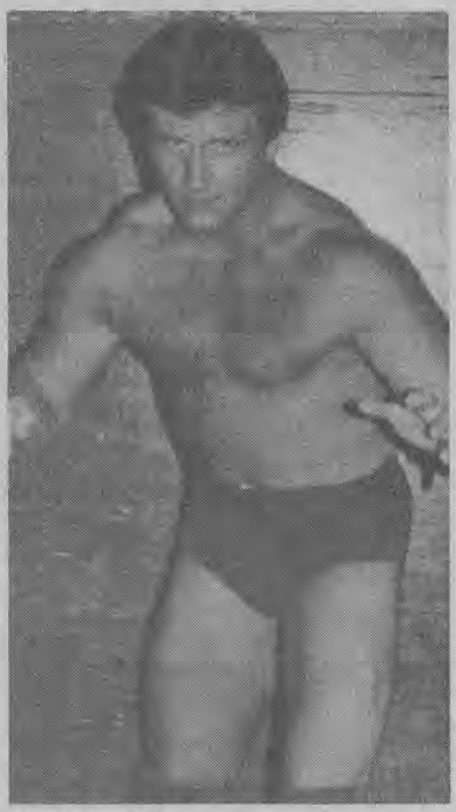
Promoter Frank Valois talks with Domenic DeNucci.

Pierre "Mad Dog" LeFebvre, manager Eddie Creachman, and Frenchy Martin.

Wladek "Killer" Kowalski (center) was in recently to referee a main event at The Forum in Montreal. Here he talks with John and Sailor "Moondog" White.

CENTRAL STATES Wrestling NEWS

RACE STILL MO. CHAMP — CRAZY LUKE HOLDS CENTRAL STATES CROWN



JERRY OATES

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The N.W.A. booking office in Kansas City, headed by Bob Geigel (who is also president of the entire National Wrestling Alliance) presents wrestling cards weekly in that city and also regularly in other cities in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska. World's Heavyweight Champion Ric Flair has made several defenses, the biggest one being against Harley Race who held him to a draw with over 10,000 fans in attendance at Kemper Arena in K.C. Others who challenged Flair here were Buzz Tyler, Jerry Oats, and Brad Armstrong.

N.W.A. World's Junior Heavyweight Champion Les Thornton also made an appearance here, losing via disqualification to Jerry Oates.

Buzz Tyler lost the Central States Heavyweight Championship to "Crazy" Luke Graham. Art Crews won a tournament to be named Central States Television Champion after Buck Robley vacated that title.

The Central States Tag Team Championship was vacant at the time of our last report. Since then a tournament has been held with Ted and Jerry Oates defeating The Grapplers in the finals. To get to the finals the Oates team had defeated Les Thornton & Roger Kirby and Luke Graham & The One Man Gang, while the Grapplers had bested Ron Ritchie & Buzz Tyler and Wahoo McDaniel & Bruce Reed. Other teams eliminated earlier in that competition were Dusty Wolfe & Tommy Rogers, "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan & Scott Ferris, T.G. Stone & Roger Kirby, and The Outlaws (The Mongos).

The Grapplers, who are managed here by Jimmy Hart, subsequently defeated The Oates brothers and are the champions at last report. Their top challengers now include a new team called "The Uptown Boys" which consists of Marty Jeannetty (Marty Oates) and Tommy Rogers who have a valet named "Honey."

Other grapplers who appeared on cards since our last report include Bruiser Brody, Kimala, Friday, The Junkyard Dog, The Road Warriors, Bulldog Bob Brown, Paul Ellering, Kerry von Erich, Tiger Mask, Paul Kelly, Bill Howard, Ox Baker, Cy Jurgenson, Dan White, Jerry Anderson, Tommy Sharp, Grizzly Evans, Stan Hansen, Baron von Raschke, Barry Windham, and Tom Ivy. Also midgets Little Coco, Cowboy Lang, Little Tokyo, and Mighty Joey; and lady stars Desiree Petersen and Judy Martin.

The St. Louis Wrestling Club (headed by Pat O'Connor, Bob Geigel, and Verne Gagne) will also be covered now in this section. This promotion is unique in that they do not have their own television program — but the Central States program from Kansas City, the A.W.A. program from Minneapolis, and the World Class program from Dallas are all seen on television in St. Louis and the promotion has been presented super spectaculars featuring top stars from all three of those offices.

World's Heavyweight Champion Ric Flair defended his title twice here since our last report, turning back challenges from Bruiser Brody and from Harley Race. Race, who is managed here by Bobby "The Brain" Heenan, continues to hold the Missouri State Heavyweight Championship. He lost a non-title strap match to Wahoo McDaniel but then defeated Wahoo in a title match.

Other stars who appeared on cards of this promotion since our last report include Les Thornton, Kimala, Buck Zum Hofe, Luke Graham, Ron Ritchie, Black Jack Mulligan Sr., Black Jack Lanza, Ox Baker, Roger Kirby, The Grapplers, Dusty Wolfe, Dick the Bruiser, Scott Ferris, Jim Garvin, Jim Duggan, The One Man Gang, Chris Adams, Dick Slater, The Fabulous Ones (Stan Lane & Steve Keirn), Buzz Tyler, Brad Rheingans, Don White, Ted & Jerry Oates, Steve O., T.G. Stone, Barry Windham, Greg Gagne, Jim Brunzell, Marty Jannetty, Jumbo Tsuruta, Tenryu, Ken Patera, Jerry Blackwell, and Bruce (Butch) Reed.

REPORTERS: Diane Devine, Mel Bosen, Sara Koenig, and William Wilson.

FLORIDA Wrestling NEWS

BILLY JACK GOING TO THE TOP IN FLORIDA

The N.W.A. booking office in Tampa, Florida, headed by Eddie Graham presents wrestling throughout the southern part of that state — in most major cities on a weekly basis.

Ric Flair was in and defended his World's Heavyweight Championship against the challenge of Billy Jack, losing on a disqualification. Then, during the period of time that Kerry von Erich held the title, he defended it here against the challenge of Mike Rotundo.

Ron Bass continues to hold the area Southern Heavyweight Championship. Billy Jack captured the Florida State Heavyweight Championship from Kendo "The Black Ninja" Nagasaki.

Black Jack Mulligan Sr. defeated Black Bart (Rick Harris) to win the Florida Brass Knucks Championship. Barry Windham (Mulligan Jr.) and Mike Rotundo defeated Ron Bass and Black Bart to win the are U.S. Tag Team Championship, but then Bass & Bart regained that title in a rematch.

Hector Guerrero continues to hold the Florida State Junior Heavyweight Championship, as does Dusty "The American Dream" Rhodes the Bahama Islands Heavyweight Championship — this office also presents cards regularly in the Bahamas.

Other wrestlers active here since our last report include Kevin Sullivan, Adrian Street, Mike Graham, Chavo Guerrero, Chief Joe Lightfoot, The Intelligent Sensational Destroyer, Mike Davis, Dennis Brown, Panama Gang (formerly known as The One Man Gang, Crusher Broomfield), "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan, Mike Allen, Superstar Billy Graham, The Purple Haze, Molokai, Inferno #1, Mike Fever, The Junkyard Dog, Big Daddy, Golden Boy Gray, and two different masked Midnight Riders. The original Midnight Rider (rumored to be Dusty Rhodes) defeated the fake Midnight Rider and revealed him to be Kharma.

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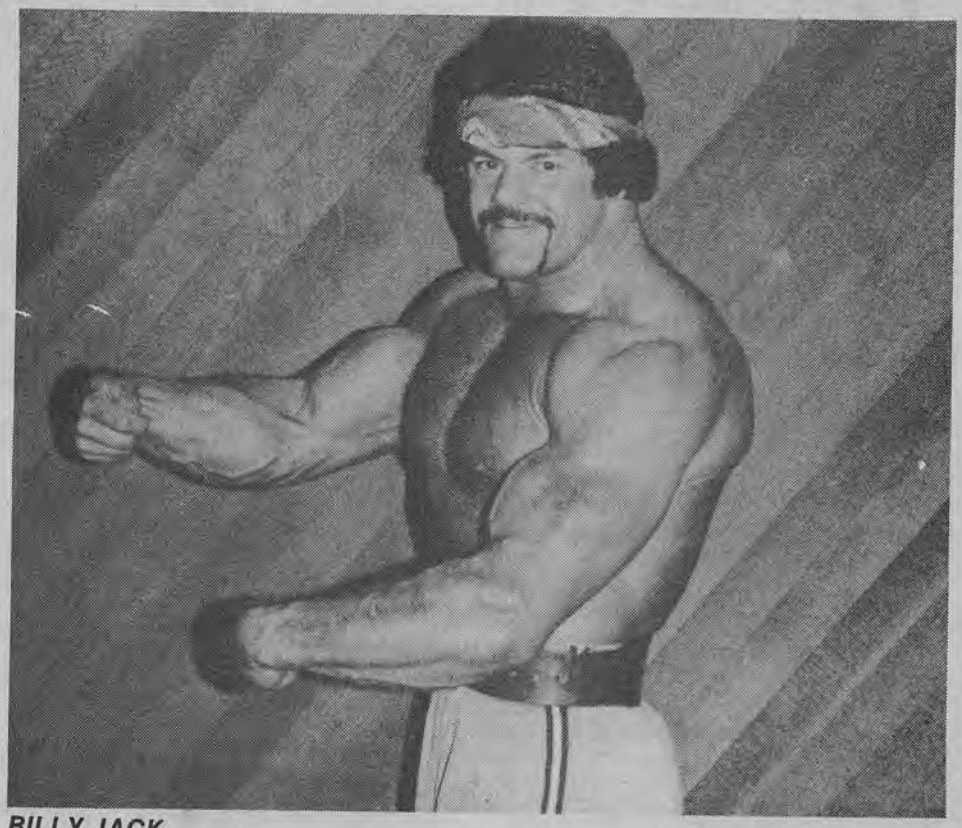

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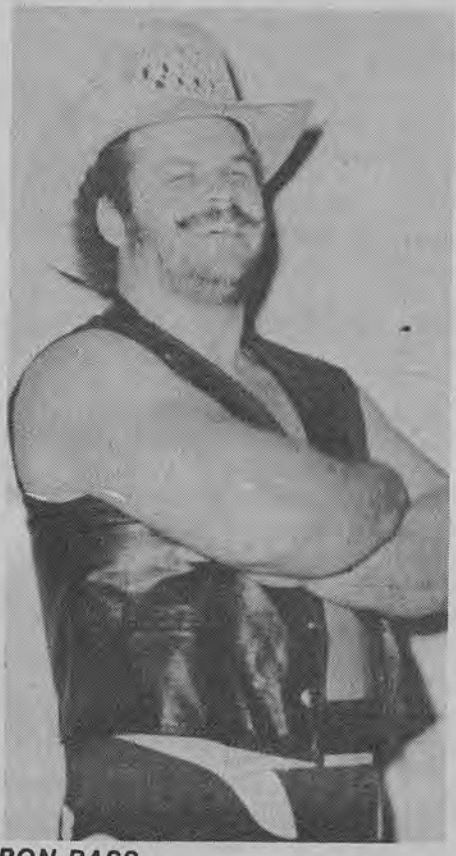

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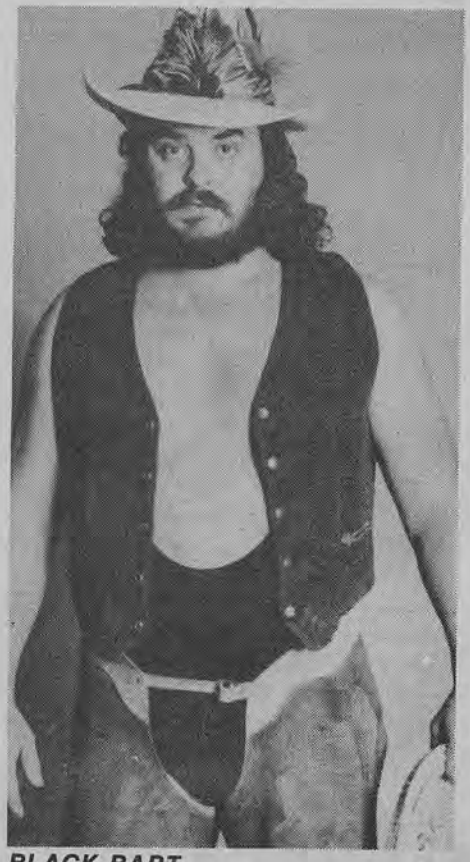

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GULF COAST Wrestling NEWS

CHARLIE COOK

This section will cover the promotions of the N.W.A. booking office in Dothan, Alabama, that presents wrestling throughout that state and also in adjacent northern Florida. Ric Flair was in and defended the World's Heavyweight Championship against the challenge of Jimmy Golden.

Since our last report the Southeastern Heavyweight Championship has changed hands. Wayne Ferris was injured so a tournament was held with Jimmy Golden defeating Mr. Orient in the finals. Golden also unmasked Mr. Orient to reveal Ron Slinker. Jimmy has since defended against challenges from Boris Zurkov and Rip Rogers.

Jerry Stubbs & Arn Anderson (under the management of Sonny King) continue to hold the Southeastern Tag Team Champinship. Among the challengers they have turned back recently are Ron & Robert Fuller, Ron Fuller & Bob Armstrong, and Bob & Scott Armstrong.

The area's U.S. Junior Heavyweight Championship has changed hands several times — going from Larry Hamilton to Rip Rogers and Johnny Rich to Tommy Gilbert. Vic Rain defeated Charlie Cook to win the Alabama State Heavyweight Championship.

Others who have appeared in this area since our last report include Jacques Rogeau, Killer Karl Krupp, Ric McCord, Roy Lee Welch, Pez Whatley, The Spoiler, Brad Armstrong, Rick McGraw, Tommy Rogers, Ted DiBiase, Wendell Cooley, Greg Cooley, and Randy Barber.

Rip Rogers has been involved in a real feud with Jacques Rogeau, and Rip has often been aided by his valet — Miss Brenda Britton. Now Rogeau has come up with a valet of his own, Johnette Rich, who looks suspiciously like Johnny Rich dressed up as a girl.

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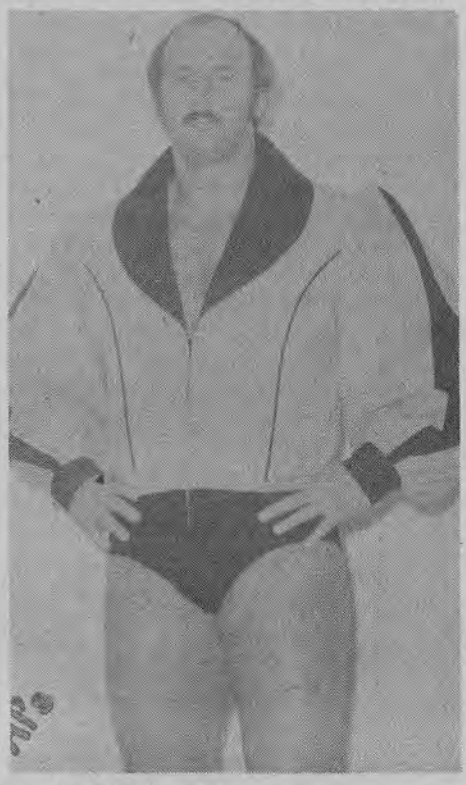

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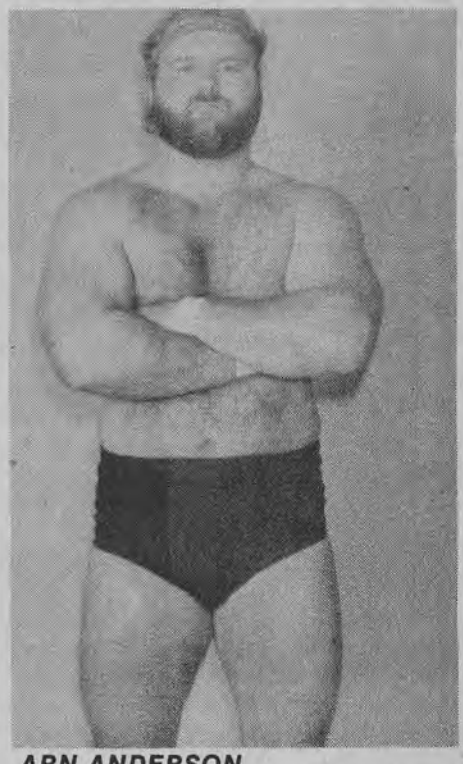

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TEXAS Wrestling NEWS

The late David von Erich is pictured here with his younger brother Kerry. In a special card in memory of David, Kerry von Erich defeated Ric Flair to capture the N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship.

In this section we will look at the World Class promotion based in Dallas, Texas. They hold membership in the N.W.A. and present cards weekly in both Dallas and Fort Worth as well as regularly in San Antonio and many other Texas cities, also some of the smaller cities in Oklahoma.

The biggest news here was a gigantic card held at Texas Stadium in Dallas, in memory of the late David von Erich, that attracted the largest crowd (in excess of 50,000 people) in the history of professional wrestling. On the main event, Kerry von Erich defeated Ric Flair to win the N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship. (Kerry subsequently lost that title back to Flair in Japan). The card was dedicated to David, as we said, and the song "Heaven Needed A Champion" was performed with records sold to benefit the David von Erich Memorial Gym being built in Lewisville, Texas.

Other events here saw Jim Garvin defeat Chris Adams to win the area U.S. American Heavyweight Championship. Adams continues to hold the Texas Brass Knucks Championship.

The Texas Television Championship has passed from The Super Destroyer #1 to "Iceman" King Parsons to Kelly Kiniski since our last report. Kiniski has defended it against Chic Donovan, Chris Adams, Al Perez, and Parsons since winning it. The Texas State Heavyweight Championship has remained vacant since the death of David von Erich.

On the tag team scene there are two recognized titles. The World's Two Man Tag Team Championship was regained by The Super Destroyers since our last report. They won it from Brian Adidas & Iceman King Parsons. The masked Destroyers subsequently lost that title to "Rock & Roll" Buck Zum Hofe & Parsons.

The World's Three Man Tag Team Championship was won by Mike, Kerry, and Fritz von Erich from The Freebirds (Michael Hayes, Terry Gordy, and Buddy Roberts) on the Texas Stadium card. However Fritz had come out of retirement for this one match only and so Kerry has since been allowed to replace his father on the championship team along with his brothers.

Other wrestlers who have appeared on cards of this promotion since our last report include Kimala, The Missing Link, Mike Reed, Mike Bond, Jose Lothario, The Junkyard Dog, Butch Reed, Johnny Mantell, John Renesto, Mike Gallagher, El Brassario, Rick Hazzard, Tony Russo, Mr. Ebony, The Great Kabuki, and Jules Strongbow. Also managers Scandor Akbar and Gary Hart. Incidentally, one of the Super Destroyers was unmasked by Iceman Parsons and revealed to be Wild Bill Irwin.

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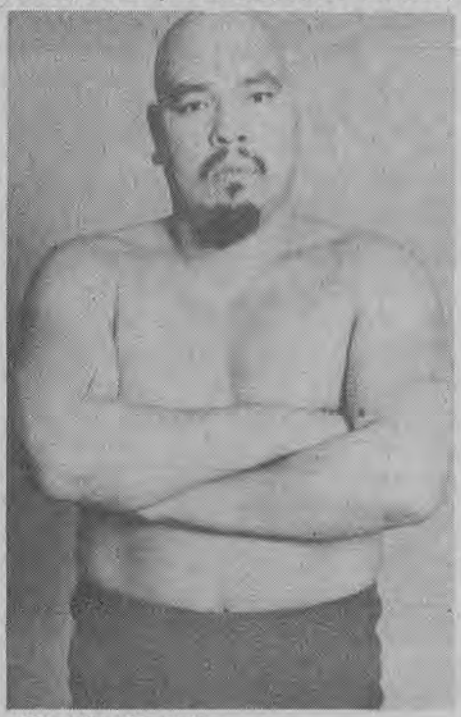

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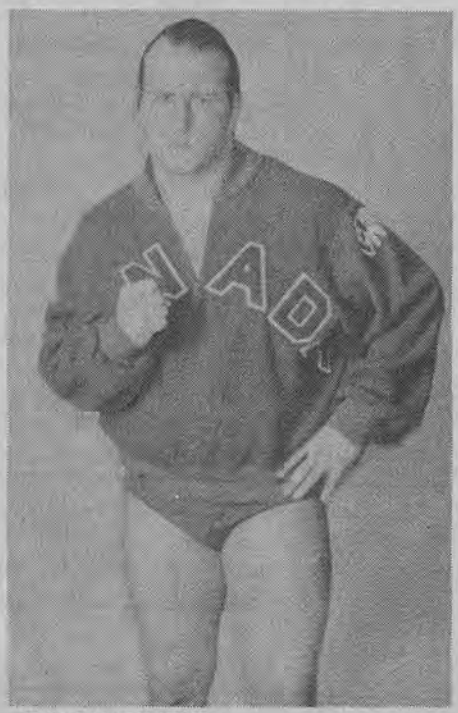

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WESTERN CANADA Wrestling NEWS

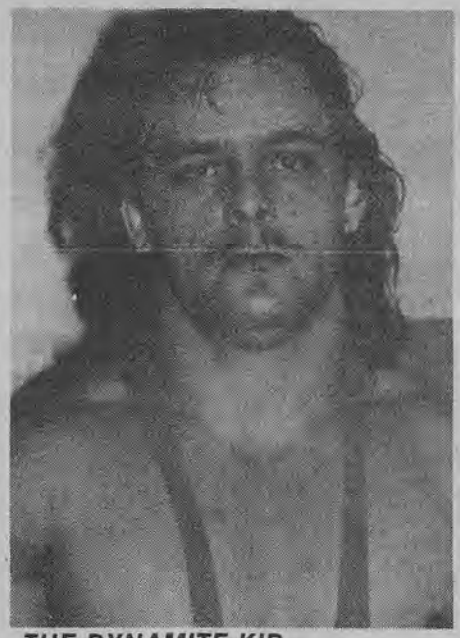
Vancouver Report: In this section we will first look at the promotion in British Columbia headed by promoter Al Tomko, who also won his top area title, a Canadian Heavyweight Championship from Ed "Moondog" Moretti recently. In other title action here Igor Volkoff defeated Easy Rider to win the Pacific Coast Television title. Athol Foley left the area and apparently the area's Canadian Jr. Heavy title left with him as it has not been mentioned since.

On the tag team scene, Bulldog Bob Brown & Buzz Tyler are still mentioned as the International Tag Team Champions but neither has appeared here in many months. The Canadian Tag Team title here has changed hands since our last report, when Moretti and Star Rider held it. First they broke up and Rocky Della-Serra teamed with Moretti to be recognized as champs, but they then lost the title to Snake Williams and Easy Rider. Melissa Dahl defeated Velvet McIntyre to gain recognition here as Canadian Lady Champ.

Others who have appeared on promoter Tomko's cards since our last report include Peter Flowers, Vern Siebert, The Warrior, Joseph Cagle, Ole Olson, The Biker, Jerry Morrow, The B.C. Hulk (Wojo Yawrenko), Big John Baker, Rick Patterson, The Champion, Moose Morowski, Randy Witt, Masked Wonder Boy, Randy Rich, and a Jerry Brown (not the same one as who wrestled for many years in the states, most recently in the Kansas City area).

Calgary Report: Next we will look at the booking office in that Alberta city, headed by Stu Hart, that presents wrestling cards throughout that province and in Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Veteran Sam Menacker has become the new voice of television wrestling in this area.

The area North American Heavyweight Championship has changed hands twice. The Dynamite Kid (Tommy Billington) defeated Killer Khan to win it but then lost it to "Bad News" Allen Coage. Coage has since defended it against Hercules Ayala, Bret Hart, and John Quinn.



THE DYNAMITE KID

The Dynamite Kid continues to hold recognition here as World's Mid-Heavyweight Champion. The International Tag Team Championship has changed hands several times — first Hubert Gallant & Danny Davis won it from Bruce Hart & Davey Boy Smith. Then after a match between Gallant & Davis vs. Phil LaFleur & Ben Bassarab ended in a dispute the title was declared vacant and a tournament was held.

The Dynamite Kid & Davey Boy Smith won the title in that tournament. Other teams in the competition were Coage & The Cuban Assassin, John Quinn & Elton Stanton, Davis & Gallant, Bret & Keith Hart, and Great Gama & The Cobra.

RON STARR

Ron Starr defeated Sonny Two Rivers to win recognition here as British Commonwealth Mid-Heavyweight Champion. He has since defended that title against challenges from Bruce Hart, Phil LaFleur, and Two Rivers.

Other wrestlers who have appeared on cards of this promotion since our last report include Kerry Brown, Mr. Hito, Shunji Takano, Mike Shaw, Butch Moffat, Masked Bounty Hunter, Elton Stanton, Diamond Timothy Flowers, Hiro Saito, Gama Singh, Jerry Morrow, Masked Rebel (Star Rider), and Rusher Kimura.

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JAPANESE Wrestling NEWS

BRODY & HANSEN WIN TAG TEAM TITLE TOURNAMENT

All Japan Pro Wrestling Co. is the longest established wrestling promotion in Japan and holds membership in the Pacific Wrestling Federation, the National Wrestling Alliance, and the American Wrestling Association.

A lot has happened here including the match that saw Ric Flair defeat Kerry von Erich to regain the N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship. Before losing the title, Kerry did retain the belt against the challenge of Tomi "Jumbo" Tsuruta in a bout that ended in a draw.

Tsuruta had held the A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship for several months prior to this, but had lost that title to Ricky Martel (in St. Paul, Minnesota) just a few days prior to the match with Kerry so it was not a double title match. Earlier Tsuruta had defended the A.W.A. crown in Tokyo against the challenge of former holder Nick Bockwinkel, with Tsuruta losing on a disqualification in that match. Jumbo Tsuruta still holds the International Heavyweight Championship as recognized by this promotion.

The Pacific Wrestling Federation held a tournament to name a recognized World's Tag Team Championship team in Japan. In the finals of that competition Bruiser "King Kong" Brody & Stan "The Lariat" Hansen defeated Dory Funk Jr. & Shohei "Giant" Baba to win the title. Other teams in the competition were Jumbo Tsuruta & Tenryu, Goro Tsurumi & Joe Leduc, Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell, and Ashura Hara & Takachi Ishikawa. There are two other tag titles recognized by this promotion. Baba & Tsuruta hold the International Tag Team Championship; and Hara & Ishikawa hold the Asia Tag Team Championship.

Running down the rest of the titles here, Genichiro Tenryu holds the United National Heavyweight Championship and defended it twice since our last report, defeating Ted DiBiase and going to a no contest against Ashura Hara. Stan Hansen holds the

Greg Gagne and Jim Brunzell were one of the teams in the recent tag team title tournament held in Japan.

Shohei "Giant" Baba (left) was unsuccessful in trying to regain the P.W.F. Heavyweight title from Stan Hansen, but Genichiro Tenryu (right) continues to hold the U.N. Championship.

P.W.F. Heavyweight Championship and defended it against former champion "Giant" Baba (winning on a dq.) and against Bugsy McGraw (winning on a pin). The Mighty Inoue holds the International Junior Heavyweight Championship and he defeated The Magic Dragon in a title bout.

Others who appeared on cards of this promotion since our last report include Ron Bass, David (Bruno Jr.) Sammartino, "Bulldog" Bob Brown, Tiger Jeet Singh, Umanosuke Ueda, The Intelligent Sensational Destroyer, King Tonga, Harley Race, The Great Kabuki, Masanobu Fuchi, Akio Sato, Rocky Hata, Mitsuo Momota, Yoshihiro Momota, Great Kojika, Motoshi Okuma, Tarzan Gotoh, Hiromichi Fuyuki, Nobuyoshi Sugawara, and Ultra Seven.

Universal Wrestling Federation is the name of the new promotion formed by Vince McMahon Jr., Hisashi Shimma, and Noburu Urata. Shimma is president of the World Wrestling Federation and in March he issued an announcement that the New Japan promotion (which will be covered next) was no longer part of the W.W.F. and that the titles they had were not recognized. This was followed up by a match staged at Madison Square Garden in New York in which Akira Maeda defeated Pierre Lefebvre to become the new recognized W.W.F. International Champion, with Shimma and McMahon Jr. raising his hand after the match and presenting him with a new belt. They announced they were starting a new television wrestling program on the Fuji network and issued a poster with pictures of Maeda, Antonio Inoki, Riki Choshu, Rusher Kimura, Tiger Mask, Fujiwara, Tiger Toguchi (aka Tiger Chung Lee and Kim Duk), Andre the Giant, Bob Backlund, Adrian Adonis, Dick Murdoch, Abdullah the Butcher, Killer Khan, and Roland Bock saying those stars would be appearing on their cards.

Then the blows started to fall. First the New Japan promotion reacted with an announcement that the champions they recognized — Tatsumi "Dragon" Fujinami as International Heavyweight Champion and The Dynamite Kid (Tommy Billington) as W.W.F. Junior Heavyweight Champion were still the official titleholders and Shimma could not remove those titles. They also stated that the U.W.F. did not have contracts with many of the stars they advertised and this proved to be true, with the Fuji network dropping their television wrestling program because

the promised stars were not appearing.

The U.W.F. did promote a series of matches with Maeda as International Heavyweight Champion, Nobuhiko Takada as W.W.F. Jr. Heavyweight Champion, and Perro Aguayo as W.W.F. Lightheavyweight Champion. Others who appeared were Rusher Kimura, Ryuma Go, El Gran Hamada, Mach Hayato, The Scorpions, El Texano, El Signo, Negro Navaro, Mano Negro, Bob Sweetan, Dutch Mantell, Scott Casey, and B. Balentino. Many of the fans who attended the series were disappointed because most of the major stars advertised on the poster did not appear.

After the series concluded, Hisasha Shimma issued an announcement saying that the U.W.F. was going to merge with the New Japan promotion which would again become part of the W.W.F. Noburu Urato issued a conflicting announcement saying that the U.W.F. would continue. Added to the confusion is the fact that Akira Maeda returned to the WWF promotions in the United States where he has been wrestling on Junior McMahon's cards with no mention of his International title that Junior and Shimma made so much of when he won it at Madison Square Garden. So at the moment fans in Japan are very confused about the situation as far as the U.W.F. is concerned and which organization is part of McMahon's W.W.F. group.

New Japan Pro Wrestling Co. as we said earlier continues to recognize Tatsumi Fujinami as W.W.F. International Heavyweight Champion and The Dynamite Kid as W.W.F. Jr. Heavy titleholder. Others who appeared on promotions of this group recently include Elija Akim (LeRoy Brown), Muhamad Kareem (Ray Candy), a masked Superstar, Don Muraco, Hercules Ayala, Mike Sharpe, Bruce Hart, Seiji Sakaguchi, Riki Choshu, Osamu Kido, Kengo Kimura, Fujiwara, Yoshiaki Yatsu, Isamu Teranishi, Kuniaki Kobayashi, Niikura, Kantaro Hoshino, Norio Honaga, Ayora, Haruka Eigen, and Arakawa.

They have just announced a new series to feature Antonio Inoki, Andre the Giant, Dick Murdoch, Masa Saito, Ken Patera, Adrian Adonis, John Quinn, John Studd, Otto Wanz, Riki Choshu, a masked Superstar and Tatsumi Fujinami. It is called their second Grand Prix series and the winner is to face Hulk Hogan for the W.W.F. Heavyweight Championship. It will be very interesting to see exactly what happens here — we should have a full report in our next issue.

Two former N.W.A. World's Champions from famous Texas wrestling families were caught by our cameraman before they recently appeared in Japan.

Stan Hansen (above) teamed with King Kong Brody in Japan to win a version of the World's Tag Team Championship recognized in that country.

All Japan Women Wrestling Association is the last promotion we will report on in the Japanese section of this issue of The Wrestling News. In this country lady wrestlers do not appear on the same cards as male wrestlers, and this is a completely separate promotion.

According to our most recent information the recognized champions are Jager Yokota (World's Champion), Lioness Asuka (Japanese Champion), Noriyo Tateno (Japanese Jr. Champion), and Jumbo Hori & Yukari Omari (World's Tag Team Champions). We have no recent reports of results but wrestlers who have appeared on this promotion so far this year (besides the champions already listed) include Devil Masami, Monster Ripper, Chigusa Nagayo, Terry Shane, Lei Lani Kai, Dampu Matsumoto, The Masked Yu, Itsuki Yamazaki, Masked Tarantula, Princess Victoria, and Elizabeth Chase.

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WWF President Hisashi Shimma and Vince McMahon Jr. with their International Champion — Akira Maeda.

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MEXICO Wrestling NEWS

EL CANEK PINS ANDRE THE GIANT

El Canek, the great Mexican masked star, has done something few others have when he pinned Andre the Giant in defeat in the middle of the ring. This main event is one of the few pin fall losses that Andre has ever suffered. By our count Andre has only been pinned in defeat now eleven times during the more than twenty years that The Giant has been a professional wrestler.

There are two major wrestling promotions in Mexico. One is the U.W.A. which is headed by Francisco J. Flores and which has been affiliated with the W.W.F. First we will run down the titles recognized by this group. Perro Aguayo is recognized here as W.W.F. Lightheavyweight titles. Dos Caras recently defeated Enrique Vera to win the U.W.A. Heavyweight Championship. Sangre Chicana defeated Fishman to win the U.W.A. Lightheavyweight title has also been delcared vacant because El Signo defended it somewhere else without authorization.

El Santanico defeated Hiroaki "Gran" Hamada to win the U.W.A. Middleweight Championship. Santanico has since defended it against Lizmark, going to a draw.

Matematico holds the U.W.A. Welterweight Championship. He has recently defended it against Rocky Santana and against Roy Navarro. Jose "Negro" Casas holds the U.W.A. Lightweight Championship. He recently defended it against Son of El Santo, going to a draw.

A new U.W.A. Three Man Tag Team Championship was created when Blackman & Kato Kung Lee & Kung Fu defeated Ultraman & Solar & Superastro in the finals of a tournament.

Other wrestlers who have appeared on cards of this promotion since our last report include Black Terry, El Canek, Abdullah the Butcher, Tiger Mariscal, Chamaco Velaquez, Jerry Estrada, Talisman, Fuerza Guerrera, Tony Salazar, Ringo Mendoza, Faraon, Mocho Cota, and Herodes.

Panterita Surena holds the U.W.A. Ladies Championship. Other female grapplers active here recently include Irma Aguilar, Reyna Gallegos, Peggy Patterson, and Penny Mitchell.

The other major promotion in Mexico is headed by Salvador Lutteroth Jr. who holds membership in the N.W.A. We have no recent reports on this promotion, but according to our last information the recognized champions are Rayo de Jalisco (Mexican Heavyweight Champion), Ringo Mendoza (N.W.A. World's Lightheavyweight Champion), Lizmark (N.W.A. World's Middleweight Champ), and Mocho Costa (N.W.A. World's Welterweight Champion). Although the two promotions recognize different champions the wrestlers in Mexico are all independent of the promotions and work back and forth between the two major promotions and other smaller ones very freely.

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TITAN Wrestling NEWS

Titan Sports Inc. doing business as the World Wrestling Federation continues to expand across the country headed by Vince McMahon Jr. This promotion appears to be moving out of the smaller cities in the northeast but continuing to run monthly cards in the large cities where they have exclusive contracts in most major arenas. They also continue to run cards in St. Louis, Detroit, Ohio, and California. Their latest moves have been into direct competition with N.W.A. promotions in Florida, Virginia, the Carolinas; into northern California, Illinois, Minnesota, and Tennessee into competition with the A.W.A. promotions there; and into Quebec in competition with the promotion there that long held membership in the W.W.F.

A sampling of recent cards shows that the W.W.F. continues to present top talent in their major arenas. On 4/23 in Madison Square Garden Tito Santana defended the Inter-Continental title in the main event, but his scheduled opponent, Samoan #1, did not appear and James J. Dillon was the substitute who was defeated by Tito. Other matches saw Sheik Vaziri defeat "Sergeant" Bob Slaughter; David Shultz-Paul Orndorff-Roddy Piper defeat Rocky Johnson-Tony Atlas-Ivan Putski; Salvatore Bellomo defeat Ron Shaw; Rene Goulet defeat Jose Luis Rivera; Tiger Chung Lee defeat Tonga Kid; Brian Blair defeat Samoan #3, and Bob Backlund defeat Greg Valentine.

On 4/28 in Los Angeles Santana again defended his title in the main, pinning Paul Orndorff in defeat. Slaughter and Vaziri were both disqualified. Alexia Smirnoff, Ric Drasin, Dick Murdoch, Tony Rocco, Mil Mascaras, Tiger Chung Lee, John Studd, Salvatore Bellomo, Jimmy Snuka, Jay "The Alaskan" York, Adrian Adonis, and Al Madril filled out the card. The same cast adding Andre the Giant and Victor Rivera appeared in cards on the following two days in Sacramento and Oakland, with Hulk Hogan also appearing on the latter card, defending against T.C. Lee. Around 10,000 fans attended this first W.W.F. card in Oakland.

On 4/28 in Baltimore, Hogan defended the W.W.F. title defeating Valentine. Shultz, Piper, Atlas, Johnson, Samoans #1 and #3, Putski, Blair, Shaw, and Lombardi also appeared.

On May 5th the W.W.F. had two major cards. In Philadelphia at The Spectrum Hogan again defended against Vaziri and Santana again against Valentine, with both champions winning via disq. Others on the card were Buzz Sawyer (managed by Lou Albano), Tonga Kid, Slaughter, Shultz, Samoan Afa, Bellomo, Johnson, Samoan Samuela, Lee, Jose Rivera, Blair, Shaw, and lady wrestlers Donna Christanello, Susan Starr, Wendi Richter, and Peggy Lee. Interesting to note that Rene Goulet defeated Akira Maeda on this card, but no mention was made of Maeda's W.W.F. International title so apparently Goulet did not win it. In fact, Rene wrestled twice on the card, losing to Terry Daniels in his other effort.

That same night in St. Louis Andre the Giant defeated John Studd in the main event and Judy Martin, defending her U.S. Women's title, defeated Desiree Petersen. Others on that card were Piper, Snuka, Atlas, Murdoch, Putski, Adonis, Mascaras, Orndorff, Smirnoff, Lenny King, Brian Madden, Pete Doherty, Spike Huber, George Steele, Bob Brower, Michael Ray, and Bill Travis. Later the same month on a St. Louis card, Hogan defended again defeating Orndorff. Others featured were Snuka, Piper, Studd, S.D. Jones, Valentine, Garea, Blair, Huber, and the Kelly Twins.

In Detroit on 5/11 with around 2000 in attendance Piper, Orndorff, and Shultz defeated Jones, Atlas, and Johnson. Vaziri, Slaughter, Jay Strongbow, Lee, Samoans #1 and #3, Valentine, Pete Caparella, Muhammid Saad, and John Binello also appeared. The next night in Toledo, Ohio, Jones & Johnson defeated Samoans #1 and #3 in the main. Atlas, Valentine, Lee, Caparella, Saad, Binello, Chris Carter, and Jerry Graham Jr. also appeared.

On 5/13 in Boston Putski & Backlund teamed to defeat Orndorff & Shultz in the main. Goulet again defeated Maeda, and again no mention was made of the International title. Others appearing were Blair, Daniels, Strongbow, Shaw, Piper, Bellomo, Garea, Fuji, Orton, and Jose Rivera.

The W.W.F. tag team title changed

ADRIAN ADONIS

hands recently in a television match that saw Dick Murdoch & Adrian Adonis defeat Atlas & Johnson. Generally the line followed by the W.W.F. now is that they are the only major wrestling organization with such statements as "It is a well known fact that Hulk Hogan is the only man considered the true World's Heavyweight Champion," being made over and over again on their television programs by Junior McMahon and those who work for him.

We've pretty much mentioned the major stars in the run down of cards. On television preliminary wrestlers Charlie Fulton, Steve Lombardi, Israel Matia, Pete Sanchez, Victor Mercado, Lee Wong, Lanny Kean, Bill Travis, and Frank Williams have also appeared. In Quebec Jacques Rogeau Jr. also appeared on the W.W.F. card.

Lady wrestlers including The Fabulous Moolah, Judy Martin, Wendi Richter, Peggy Lee, Velvet McIntyre, and Princess Victoria have also appeared on WWF cards.

There are reports now that Junior McMahon is attempting to take over the television wrestling slot on the WTBS Atlanta station that has long been the N.W.A. outlet to cable television. Whether Ted Turner would want the same basic program that is already seen on two major rival cable stations — WOR-New York, and USA Network remains to be seen.The NWA program on TBS continues to hold the highest ratings of any wrestling program on cable and at present is the only cable program on our sport not controlled by McMahon.

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BRITISH Wrestling NEWS

Mr. Yasu Fiji is putting a sleeper hold on Skull Murphy. The referee is Rocky Moran.

'Giant' John Quinn lost his world heavyweight title claim to Tony St. Clair some two years back, and after several unsuccessful attempts he has again become champion. In yet another full blooded battle, Quinn reigns as world heavyweight champion (British Version). Quinn all 21st. (294 lbs.) didn't get himself disqualified and his extra strength and weight won him the day. John Quinn is a terror in the ring, but as nice a man as ever you could wish to meet in the dressing rooms or on the street. However, some fools who have attacked him after a bout have soon seen the error of their ways. What man in his right senses would pick on such a powerhouse of strength? The only thing I would take Quinn on is at knitting, and I'm not much good at that either.

Marty Jones, ex-world heavyweight champion, tangled with a tough challenger in Chick Cullen, as Jones now claims to be British champion. With 21 lb. weight on his side Marty Jones had the advantage as experienced as Cullen is — Jones still had the edge in that department too. Cullen never lacked in courage, used much enterprise, but he was steadily worn down to size and defeat.

Dave 'Fit' Finlay, the new holder of the world midheavy title defended his title against deaf and dumb mute Alan Kilby. Once again the heavier man wore down a really good opponent and the British heavy-middleweight champion, went under by a pinfall and submission to Finlay.

One of the nicest men in British wrestling is Pete Roberts, often called the 'Super Destroyer.' However, he isn't living up to this since his return from Japan. In a poor bout against 'Skull' Murphy both men were disqualified after a heated melee in the sixth session. Both men had received public warnings from the referee who had more than enough of their consistent rule-breaking.

In a return, these two men wrestled a draw after 20 minutes of rough and tumble.

Young 17 years old Danny Collins, a newcomer with a great deal of potential, took up a challenge from British welterweight champion Jim Breaks. Breaks offered 500 pounds to Collins should he be able to beat him. This Collins proceeded to do, and won by the only fall required. On the strength of this, Breaks promised his opponent a shot at the title. As good as Collins is — I cannot see him beating Breaks fair and square. Breaks is too experienced, but I hope to let you have the news in my next report as to what took place at the Royal Albert Hall contest.

Steve Logan, that is the new version, and not the original has added much poundage to his once lean frame during his stay in the U.S.A. Challenging champion 'Fit' Finlay to the latter's world mid-heavyweight crown, Logan did extremely well against the far from clean Finlay, who earned himself two public warnings, by his unruly actions. In round seven, Finlay won by a fall and a submission in his favor, to one fall scored by a very game Steve Logan.

In another bout only a week later Steve Logan did well to win over the pocket battleship Mick McMichael by the only fall required in the fourth of a six rounds contest. No mean feat I can assure you.

Mal Sanders is once again European middleweight champion on beating Keith 'Hurricane' Haward. The latter was also hard pressed by Chick Cullen, and had to fight strongly to contain Cullen. Plenty of enterprise and good action, they were on equal terms 1-1 when both wrestlers plus the referee left the ring over the top ropes and unable to continue.

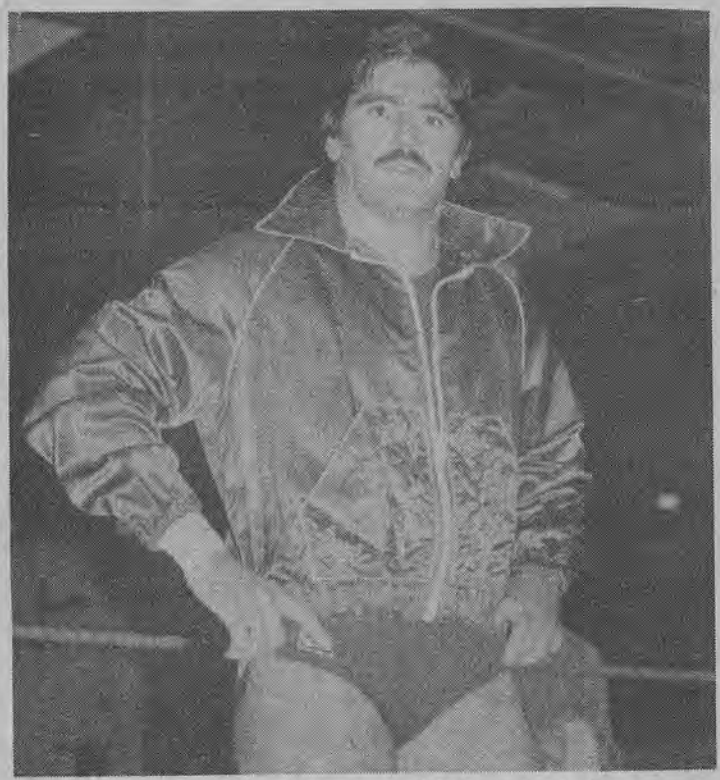
Not having seen Johnny Palance in action for some time, I was pleasantly pleased to see him a first class bout against Kung Fu. Both men about the same height and weight. I should say 12st.7lb. (175 lbs.). Certainly well matched in ring experience too.

Wrestling was fast and furious, but not without its amusing moments. Thrills and spills in abundance. Kung Fu scored the first fall with a folding press in the third session, with Palance getting the equaliser in the fifth. The following round ended the contest when Kung Fu gained the deciding fall, to win by two falls to one.

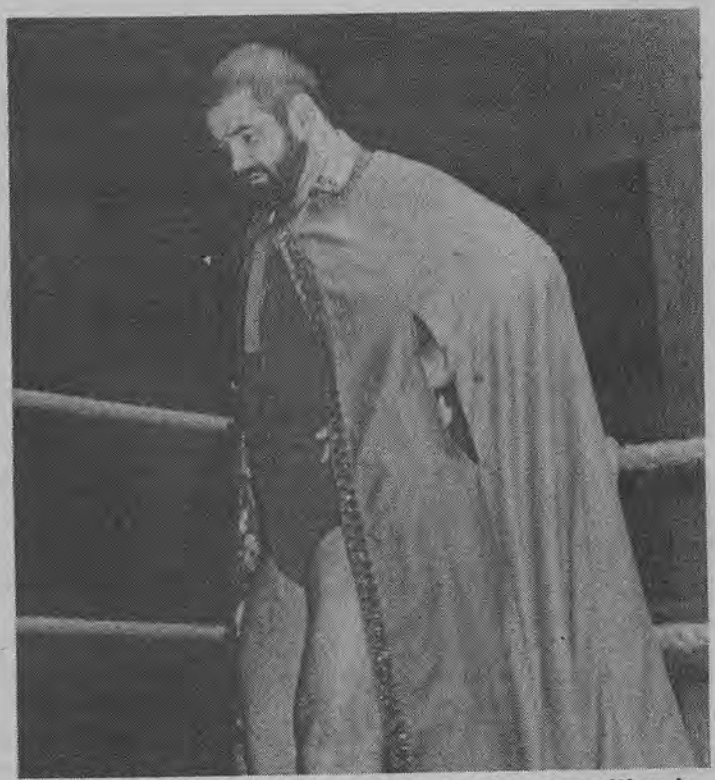
Jon Cortez at 11st. (154 lbs.) made the European middleweight champion work extremely hard before the heavier man at 12.st.7lb. (175 lbs.) won after a really hard battle in the 7th round, by two falls to one. Again another bout worthy of special mention by two great exponents of the art of wrestling.

It had been said Jon Cortez had retired, but he has merely gone over from the Independent Circuit to Joint Promotions. The same was said about Jackie Turpin, but he has wrestled many times since the report. On hearing his name mentioned on television as I write, he was appearing on a program and he looked really fit and well. Wrong reports have often been put about by rival promoters. Too often it is said a wrestler has retired, when he has gone over to the other promotions. Again, if wrestling fans ask where is a certain wrestler — they are told they are retired or wrestling in Japan. No promoter will give any credit to the other side.

'Giant' Pat Roach following his stint



Mark Rocco, the World heavy-middleweight champoin, is a real fighter who breathes fire in every round until any opposition is destroyed.



"Mighty" John Quinn once more holds recognition in Great Britain as World's Heavyweight Champion. Quinn is 6'5" and scales 21 stone (294 pounds).

in films and television is back on form and wrestling once again. He certainly has put on some weight and another who will vouch for this is 'Super Destroyer' Pete Roberts. Speaking to Pete, I mentioned that he too must have put on some poundage. He agreed, and told me he is now 16st.3lb. (231 lbs.) that is 14 lbs. above his previous weight. When I said Pat Roach looks heavier too, Pete said he seems to weigh a ton these days. Pete Roberts went under to Pat Roach by two fall to one, but what a great contest throughout.

Mick McMichael took on referee Jeff Kaye in an outstanding bout. A good laugh and good wrestling making the crowd most pleased. They were on even terms in the seventh session, when Kaye mistimed a dive and it left him unable to continue.

Danny Collins, a newcomer and a mere 16 years of age, is already making quite a name for himself. He did well against a veteran Tally Ho Kaye, who is much bigger and stronger. Tally Ho is rough, tough and strong. To my mind such an opponent for a newcomer is asking too much. Hard pressed Collins won though, when Kaye found himself disqualified for persistent rulebending.

Something like two stones (28 lbs.) heavier 'Banger' Walsh was one too many for Steve Kelly, following bodyslams and pinfall when in the third round he won by the only fall required to win.

Orig Williams wrestling as 'El Bandito' is really a Welsh speaking Welshman, found the going very hard against 'Mighty Chang.' The later must be 330 lbs. a near 24st. Orig is all of 225 lbs. but no match, and after a hard time was counted out in the second round when he found Chang's belly was harder than his head.

At the risk of repeating myself yet again, I am not alone in thinking Pat Roach and John Quinn are the two best heavyweights in this country. There are many others worthy of mention, but Roach and Quinn are both outstanding. Yes — they are too good for all the superheavyweights such as Big Daddy, Haystacks, etc. The latter two named often meet as deadly enemies, but every time Haystacks quits and runs back to the dressing rooms.

Dalibar Singh, the more than useful Indian heavyweight won over 'Skull' Murphy in the sixth session. A rough hard fought battle, with Singh a worthy winner, to the delight of his army of supporters.

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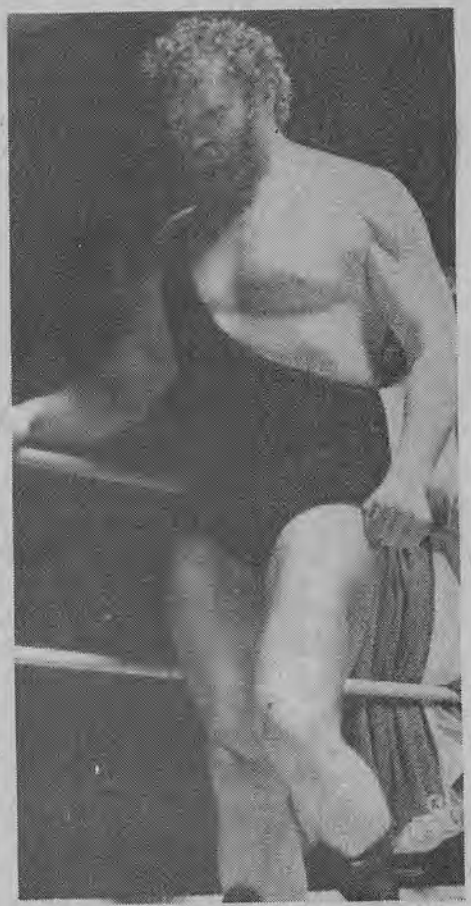

"Giant" Pat Roach, 6'5" and 300 lbs., is a great wrestler with fearsome strength.

EUROPEAN Wrestling NEWS

Klaus Wallas with the European Championship belt (center) flanked by Ed Wiskoski (left) and referee Peter William (right).

For many years Horst Hoffmann, the German wrestling ace, dominated the wrestling scene here. The young amateur wrestler entered the paid ranks in 1957. He was ambitious and intelligent to realize the possibilities of his new profession. Under the guidance of promoter Gustl Kaiser, Germany's grand old man of wrestling, he was ready to learn and three years later he was among the leading continentals. Hoffmann became the winner of nearly a hundred of Gustl Kaiser's world famous "All-nations-tournaments" with matmen from all parts of the world. There were in those years none from the continent who could defeat him. Long is the list of the Americans who found in Hoffmann their conqueror. Jack Bence, Bolo Hakawa, Ski Hi Lee, Ricky Waldo, Dutch Zorro, Lucky Simunovich, Earl Maynard, Odd Job (Harold Sakata), Georges Gordienko, Frank Valois, The Destoyer (Dick Beyer), Rene Goulet, Chris Markoff and Chris Taylor and many more world famous matmen.

Hoffmann was a strong lad, had a good knowledge of wrestling and was fearless in the ring. The tougher the opponent the harder was the revenge of the German, he accepted them all without exception. Hoffmann was an outstanding performer, that was the reason that Verne Gagne booked the German for his area. The German did not disappoint and the fans saw him in many hard struggles with Baron von Raschke as his team partner, but also successful in single bouts. He was the most successful German after the war in USA, useful for the promoters there as also in Japan and accepted by the fans. In 1977, at the zenith of his career, Hoffmann retired and we find him now as a wealthy businessman in Nurnberg.

His successor as the number one in Europe became Otto Wanz, the Austrian colossus from Graz.

Wanz, a former amateur boxing champion from Austria with a remarkable record, retired from boxing and was later persuaded by friends to wrestle. He was like Hoffman a strong man — we find him in the Guiness book of all-time highs the world champion in tearing telephone directories to pieces — and became in short time also the amateur heavyweight champion from Austria. Wanz was later cool enough to accept the offer from a promoter, who held a tourney in his native town Graz, to enter the pro field. Wanz left the amateurs in 1970 and worked first under different promoters. The rise of his career took place after he became booked by promoter Nicola Selenkowitsch, the experienced ex-wrestler. Selenkowitsch knew that this rough diamond had the stuff to become a champion wrestler.

The advice of promoter Selenkowitsch was very helpful to the newcomer and it needed a short time, that the Austrian became like Hoffman, a leading name on the continent. Also promoter Gustl Kaiser could not overlook the upcoming Austrian and engaged him for his world famous tournaments, with Horst Hoffmann the outstanding competitor. It was 1975/76 that the star from the Selenkowitsch-tournaments met the star of the Kaiser shows. Both had many bouts, drew very often and nothing can more demonstrate the part of Wanz as a coming champion wrestler, as he decided four from ten bouts for himself. And Hoffmann was a top man, remember Dick Beyer, the Destroyer, Hoffman had against him with 5-2 the better end as also against Billy Robinson, another topman from the European scene, with 10-6. All those bouts were held up in Germany.

After the retirement of Hoffmann Otto Wanz was now the number one on the continent. He won most of the famous tournaments in Germany and Austria and South Africa saw him the winner against Jan Wilkens, a bout that brought him the title as world champion (CWA-version). Don Leo Jonathan captured the title from him but Wanz regained him in 1978 in Graz as he challenged Don Leo Jonathan. Since this time the Austrian is billed here as a world-champion (CWA-version) and defended the title since against such opponents as Antonio Inoki, Chief Jay Strongbow, Don Leo Jonathan, Steve Pearsay, Sailor White, Nick Bockwinkel, Bobby Duncum, Sgt. Bob Slaughter and Big John Studd. Wanz drew with Inoki and Bockwinkel. Slaughter was probably his hardest opponent while John Studd gave him some punishment.

It speaks for the ability of the Austrian, that he also had a title bout in the States. August 29th, 1972, a crowd of 15,700 fans saw him defeat in the St. Paul Civic Center the holder Nick Bockwinkel for the A.W.A. heavyweight crown. After a very long period it was the first time that a wrestler from the European scene could win a world title in the USA. Wanz lost the title afterwards to Bockwinkel, but continued, back in Europe, his series of tournament wins where he pinned such renowned matmen as Giant Haystacks (England), Masao Ito (Japan), Klaus Wallas

Horst Hoffman

Otto Wanz

Klaus Wallas

(Austria), Buck Zum Hofe (USA), Iwan Strogoff, the strong Russian, Canadian Bob "UFO" Dellaserra, Tony St. Clair and Mal Kojak-Kirk from Great Britain, Larry Hennig (USA), Rene Lasartesse (France), Ed Wiskoski (USA) and numerous others. Wanz is now on another trip to Japan, back in Europe he will defend his title in Graz against Big John Studd.

The coming months will become very interesting for the wrestling world. Is Otto Wanz still the number one in Europe or will a countryman from him outstrip him?

Undoubtedly Otto Wanz is the leading matman although there are remarkable rivals like evergreen Rene Lasartesse from France, the Russian strongman Iwan Strogoff, Tony St. Clair, Giant Haystacks and Mal Kojak-Kirk from Great Britain, the Germans Axel Dieter and Hans Roocks as a host of others. But none of them can dethrone "King" Otto. Now there is another wrestler who has reached the top within only a few years. It's the European champ Klaus Wallas from Salzburg, a famous judoka in his amateur days.

Americans will not remember this name although Klaus Wallas was a member of the Austrian Judo team which defeated 1976 America with 6-4. To that time spent the Austrians four weeks in the Olympic village of Winchester, W. Va., where they got ready for the Olympic Games held up in Montreal. It was the same year that the Austrian had become a judo world champion of the forces at Ancona, Italy. In Montreal was the deciding bout for Wallas against Bad News Allen Coage who like the Austrian later entered the paid ranks. The bout was won by Coage, with **only a small margin.** This defeat brought Wallas an ungrateful seventh rank in the ratings, while Coage won the bronze medal.

"I don't know, how often I was the champion from Austria, ten times, twelve times?" Wallas can't remember. "But I was ten times to famous judo tournaments in the Soviet Union, between Tiflis and Leningrad and it's known that judo has there a high standard. I became in Leningrad the European champ of the juniors and was also the champ with the youth."

After twelve years with the judokas — (Kurt Kucera, judo-president from Austria and vice-president of the European federation: "Wallas was in his years definitely the best judo-heavyweight from Europe") — Wallas retired from sports, trouble with the officials was one reason. Like his retirement from sports he gave up abruptly his job as a druggist, and opened with a friend a coffee-house with a discotheque.

It was a lucky chance that former friend of judo days, Dimo Dimoff from Linz, invited uninterested Wallas to watch a wrestling show. Wallas heard of the earnings of a successful wrestler, heard of their travelings to other places and felt himself able, to bring the same in the ring as the performers, he watched in Linz. Once more Wallas became interested in sports and was now ambitious to learn things who were unknown to the amateur. The first years were hard, there were also difficulties with the bookings, as there were not enough shows on the continent to become a full-time wrestler, although the newcomer was in demand by the promoters.

1982 was the year that saw another Wallas in the ring who left now the field of the average performers. "I was strong, I knew now the practice of wrestling, but that was not enough for me. I would be on the top and now one among numerous others. I had to find my way," we heard Wallas declare. Wallas entered the ring now in a gilded tail, as an arrogant loathing. And he did all to provoke the fans, with words, gestures and finally ungentlemanly treatment of his opponents in the ring. He was loudly condemned by the crowd. By the way, this filthy lad has the knowledge to make also his way in America, but will he leave his wife and two children aged four and ten years?

Nevertheless, 1972 was the start of a brilliant career. Linz saw him successful in the first of the famous continental tournaments, Vienna saw him the winner against stars like Axel Dieter, Klaus Kauroff, Moose Morowski and others, a third rank was the reward. Hanover saw him often disqualified, but only Dieter could pin him regularly. In Dortmund only Otto Wanz was able to defeat him and to the end of the year brought Bremen him the second rank in one of the outstandinh Selenkowitsch tourneys. Only Giant Haystacks had the better end here against him.

1983 saw him second prize-holder in Karlsruhe, Nurnberg, Hamburg, Linz Linz and third at Vienna, until he entered the famous Hanover tournament of promoter Heinrich Kaiser. Wallas and ambitious Axel Dieter were jointly placed on the first rank before such world wide known wrestling stars like John Quinn, Ed Wiskoski, Billy Samson, Tony St. Clair and Bob "UFO" Delaserra. Hanover saw Sallas also in a title bout against Eugen Wiesberger, the European champ VDB-version. Wallas won the title and defended him with a draw against his challenger Alex Dieter. Following we found Wallas in Bremen, where promoter Nicola Selenkowitsch held over six weeks a tournament for the European championship IBV-version. Among 24 wrestlers Wallas became also the winner of the ofter title of an European champ, while his countryman Otto Wanz defended that night his world crown against Big John Studd.

In the meantime Wallas became the winner of a tournament in Karlsruhe. He has now reached the top as a main-eventer. Will this year bring a change, is Otto Wanz still the Number One in Europe or his upcoming countryman Klaus Wallas? Both will meet in some coming tournaments under the control of the I.B.V. and V.D.B., the two German wrestling federations. Germany's fans will have an interesting season. Readers will be informed about these coming events.

REPORTER: Gerhard Schaefer.

ON AND AROUND THE MAT WORLD

In each issue of The Wrestling News we attempt to cover the entire world of professional wrestling. We do so in reports and features on various areas and end up with this section in which we cover the smaller promotions that are not already covered elsewhere. There is only one way that we are able to cover professional wrestling everywhere and that is through the help of many people who are all given credit for the material they send us throughout the magazine. We can always use more help, so if there is anyone out there who wishes to contribute reports, clippings, programs, results, and information on their area we would be very pleased if you would send it to: The Wrestling News, Area Close-Ups, P.O. Box 3325, Mankato, Minnesota 56002.

Our special thanks to the following who helped us put together this, the final area close-ups section of The Wrestling News #111: Carmen "Allura" Long, John Rabalais, Bill Laster, Dave Bernardo, Jack Daniels, Ray Baka, Scott Wojcicki, Troy Rigg, Mike Brackett, Patrick Williams, Ken Zimmer, Allan Cooper, Richard L. Fogel, Mark Mattox, Darin Abrams, Doug Chambers, George Hill, Michael J. Carey, Richard Nieves, Bob Potts, Carol Ann Whalen, Wade Curtiss, Boyce-Dale Bell, Wesley Whitehead, Kari Estes, and Joan McGuire.

Southwest Championship Wrestling: is based in San Antonio, Texas, and headed by promoter Joe Blanchard who presents cards throughout that area. Killer Tim Brooks continues to hold the Southwest Heavyweight Championship and has defended it recently against Scott Casey, Mil Mascaras, and Bobby Jaggers. Bobby Fulton defeated Adrian Street to win the southwest Junior Heavyweight championship and has since defended it against Eric Embry and Ken Timbs.

Manny Fernandez & Al Perez defeated Ken Timbs & Eric Embry to win the Southwest Tag Team Championship. However, they were not successful when they challenged Sheepherders Luke Williams & Butch Miller for the area's World Tag Team title. Incidentally, Timbs & Embry, as well as Williams & Miller, are managed here by Sheepherder Jonathan Boyd.

Other wrestlers active on Southwest cards since our last report include Crusher Lynch, Gato Negro, Tony Falk, Steve Simpson, The Snake, Randy Hotchkins, El Bruto, Henry Garcia, Manuel Villalobos, Dan White, Aaron Dew, Bill Howard, El Lobo, Gary Powers, Bob Garcia, Buddy Mareno, Juan Reynosa, Dick Murdoch, El Gran Uno, Dusty Woods, and Bruiser Brody.

K.B. Promotions presented a card in Fall River, Mass., that featured Bulldog Brower (who is managed by Sylvano Sousa) defending a version of the North American title against the challenge of Bruno Sammartino Jr. Brower lost on a disq. when Sousa interfered. The Crusaders turned back the challenge of Rocky Jones & Domenic DeNucci to their East Coast tag title. Others on the card were The Executioner, Flying Eddie Dean, and lady wrestlers Debbie Combs and Donna Day.

Canadian International Association headed by promoter Bob Clark presented cards in the Ontario Cities of Hamilton, Acton, Saltfleet, and Cambridge. Sheik Ali defeated Ted "Moondog" Grizzly for the singles title here. Others in action since our last report include The Godfathers, Danny War Cloud, Big Mac, Billy "Coolcat" Jackson (aka Zimba Khan), a masked Assassin, Scrap Iron Scranton, Joe Markus, Bob Markus, Ricky Johnson, Billy "Hurricane" Smith, Ricky Johnson, Danny Johnson, The Hangman, Freddy "Red" Freeman, Armstrong, Jesse "Snake" James, Alexander the Great, and midgets Farmer Pete and Ivan the Terrible.

All Pro Wrestling headed by Joe Vogl continued to present cards in Burlington, Ontario. Featured were Cowboy Frankie Laine (with valet Bambi Duri), The Dark Angel, Scrap Iron Scranton, Danny Johnson, Ricky Johnson, "Wonderboy" Ron Hutchison, The Red Devil (unmasked by Hutchison as Ray Simms), Danny Little Wolf, Teddy Marshall, The Wolfman, The Godfathers, Mario Tarolli, Al Bell, Billy Smith, midgets Farmer Pete and Ivan the Terrible, and ladies Panther Girl and Eva Szabo. Another related(?) group calling itself "All Star Wrestling" presented a card in London, Ontario, that featured George "Animal" Steele, Captain Detroit, Frankie Laine, Duncan McTavish, Danny Johnson, Billy Jackson, Luis Martinez, Frank Marconi, a Superdestroyer, a Black Avenger, Ricky Cortez, Tiny Tasker, Sheik Ali, and The Calypso Kid.

Big Time Wrestling presented a card in Macedonis, Ohio, that featured Sheik Farhat (managed by Ali Bey the Bug) defending his U.S. Championship against Luis Martinez, who won on a disq. Others featured were Domenic DeNucci, Ken Jugan, the masked Pittsburgh Steelers, Jim Sline, Walter Johnson, Sweet Daddy Monroe, and midgets Diamond Jim and Joe Bomber.

International Wrestling Association presented cards in Ripley and in Lockwood, Ohio. In the title matches I.W.A. Heavyweight Champ Bobo Murdock turned back challenges from Killer Kwolski and from Ox Monroe. Sheik Farhat defended his U.S. title against Sunny Rogers. Others appearing were Disco Dog, The Gambler, Bobby Jay, Dirty Dalton, The Wolfman, Masher Stevens, Jeff Richardson, Roger Bachman Ruffin, Randy Cash, Dave Seacrest, and Maniac Mark.

International Sports Presents Mid-West Wrestling presented a card at the Michigan State Fairgrounds that featured Midwest Champion Sweet Daddy Malcolm Monroe (managed by The Bug) defending his title against Bobo Brazil. George Steele defeated Luis Martinez in the other top match. Others featured were Ricky "Crusher" Cortez, Iron Mike Anthony, Domenic DeNucci, The Great Zoltan, Rick Bolton, The Outlaw, Moondog Buddy Donovan, Johnny Duncan, and midgets Joe Bomber and Diamond Jim.

There was also a card of over three hours taped for television at the Sherican Community Center held that featured Muhammid Saad, Denny Hill, John Binello, Dennis Casprowicz, Tony Frank, Chris Carter, Jerry Graham Jr., Ronnie Z, J.R. Hogg, Bubba Hawkins, Bobby Colt, Jim Hamilton, Great Wojo, Dave Rasmussen, and Troy Alexander. Most of the wrestlers appeared three times on the card.

Midwest Wrestling Association held cards in Girard and Pepper Pike, Ohio. On the Girard card Sheepherders Luke

Williams & Butch Miller defended their tag team title against the challenge of Al Perez & Bobby Jaggers in the main. Others featured were Mike Shulli, Zoltan, Bobby White Feather, Bill Howard, Tony Frank (managed by Master Disaster), and Manny Fernandez. On the Pepper Pike card Johnny Powers defended the I.W.A. heavy title against Abdullah the Butcher and Tony Viccaro (U.S. Jr. Champ) met Black Panther (I.W.A. Jr. Champ) in a double title match. In both championship contests both men were disqualified. Others on this card were Mighty Igor, The Beast, The Mercenary, a masked Superstar, Domenic DeNucci, Bob White, Zoltan, Tony Frank, and two masked Assassins.

International Championship Wrestling under promoter Al Zink made its debut in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with James J. Dillon as the recognized heavy champ. Others featured were Great Tio, Tapu, Coco Samoa, Hubert Gallant, Kendo "Black Ninja" Negasaki (managed by Mr. Kato), Mike Allen, Mark Lewin, Chang Chung, Mike Graham, Rick Connors, Ron Sexton, Kevin Stewart, and Rudy Kaye.

Atlantic Grand Prix under promoter Emile Dupree returned to action with cards in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. Archie "Mongolian Stomper" Gouldie holds the North American title, Stephen Pettipas the Maritime title, and "Bulldog" Bob Brown & The Great Togo the International tag championship. Others featured were Sweet Daddy Siki, Ron Hutchison, Bobby Lane, Pat O'Brien, Danny Young, Paul Peller, The UFO, Bert Warner, a Mr. T, Ed Moretti, and midgets Little Tokyo and Cowboy Lang.

Southern Illinois Wrestling presented two cards in Springfield, Illinois. Their singles championship has passed from Chuck Mersole to Bull Brannigan to Gary Lawler. Others featured include Spike Huber, Jason Reeves, The Kelly Twins, Gypsy Joe, Tojo Yamamoto, Steve Montana, Tony Casta, Jason Phillips, Eddie Mack, Joe Rossi, Billy Travis, Lanny Kean, Terry Riley, Ron Brewer, a masked Assassin, and midgets Little Coco and Johnny Reb.

Buckeye Championship Wrestling held two cards in Middleport, Ohio. Boo Boo Henderson defended his heavy title against challenges from Bulldog Durango and Buddy Donovan. Paul Harley defended his Jr. heavy crown against Zarr Zano and Jon DiBiase. Others who appeared were Mark Mattox, Bull Moose, Bob Bass, Bill LeBell, Rocco Verona, The Joker, The Private, Dick Ward, and Nicholas von Schmidt.

West-Four Wrestling Alliance under promoter Joan McGuire continues to present cards in St. Boniface near Winnipeg, Manitoba. The group was saddened by the sudden death of Larry Jones who had appeared here regularly. Tony "Torpedo" Condello & Dave Gobeil continue to hold the tag team championship and defended it twice against challenges from Mad Dog Peloquin & Bobby Jones. Other wrestlers who appeared on cards of this promotion recently include John Banman, Jake Banman, Toby Manka, Bob Luck, Farmer George, Mr. Cool, Billy Carpentier, Bull Murdock, Snake Man, Pretty Boy Anson, Maniac Campbell, Lone Wolf, and Jeff Grae.

Supercard Wrestling (formerly called New Brand) moved from the Chalmers Community Center to the Saints Roller Rink to present two cards. Leo Burke defended his North American title against Johnny Weaver in the main event at one of them, and Dave Petro & The Canadian Superstar defended their tag title against Chris Pepper & Brian Jewel on another. I believe Sweet Daddy Splash still holds the local heavy title. Others featured included a masked Grappler, George Wells, Playboy McColl, Rick Rena, Agent Orange, Dutch Apollo, and Caveman Broda.

International Championship Wrestling presented two cards in Paducah, Kentucky. Randy Savage (Poffo) defended the N.W.A. Mid-America title against Mike Dogendorf on one of them. Others featured were Bart Batten, Johnny Wilhoit, The Street Walkers, Darling Blue, Speedy Tall Tree, Ron Sexton, Angelo Poffo, Ric McCord, The Patriot, Japanese Assassin, Bobby Van, The Bow Hunter, Mad Dog, and King Konga. We also have a report that the I.C.W. plans to return to Springfield, Illinois, shortly.

There was also a report on what was billed as an I.C.W. card in Greenville, North Carolina, as well as one in Goldsboro. These cards actually featured a Sambesi Express, Chief Black Eagle, Jerry Eagle, a masked Superstar, a masked Mr. Wrestling, and do not appear to be in any way connected with the other I.C.W.

Mid Continental Wrestling based in Aaron, Kentucky, had six cards since our last report — three in Georgetown and one each in Louisville, Booneville, and Barbarville. Dale Mann lost and then regained the M.W.A. Heavyweight title in matches with Luscious Lanny. Johnny Clyde Malone, with help from his valet Bonnie Parker, captured the Tennessee/Kentucky title from Michael Ray. Others who appeared on the cards included Rick Allen, Don Castro, Tom Shaft, Bulldog Brooks, Danny Fargo, The Scorpio, Chief Lone Eagle, Chief War Eagle, a masked Super Star, Jimmy Malone, Ginger the Bear (with trainer Rip Tyler), Johnny Reeves, Bobby Green, a Ron Starr, Dusty Fargo, The Copperheads, Bobby Joe Daniels, a masked Medic (unmasked by Danny Fargo as Don Green), Sir Nicholas Onassis II, Bryon Roop, and Steve Lane.

Sports International based in Nashville, Tennessee, and headed by promoter Vernon L. Neal presented cards in Gallatin, Hermitage, and Nashville. Their heavyweight championship is held by "Bounty Hunter" David Novak. Johnny B. Goode defeated Keith Graham to win the Junior heavy title. The Interns, managed by Dr. Master Curtiss continue to hold their tag team title. Others who have appeared recently include Canadian Blue #1, Tennessee Tiny, "The Rockin," Midnight Special, Vicious Victor, Ron Hollis, Southern Stompers, Scufflin Hillbillies, Mr. U.S.A., Red Terrors, Tony Eaton, Tony Mareno, Tracy Smothers, Rebel Rousers, Soulman Bernard Dox, Chuck Lawson, a Jim Hart, Weekend Warriors, Wild Maniac, Ron Baker, Sputnik Johnson, and Jimi Thompson.

Wisconsin Wrestling Federation ran a card in Palmyra, Wisconsin, and another at Federation Hall in Milwaukee. Dallas Young defeated Mike Madigan to win their heavyweight championship. Madigan teamed with Frankie DeFalko to defeat Young & Bruce Swayze (who are managed by M.L. Williams) to win their tag team title. Others who appeared include Brian Lucas, The Avenger, Bufford T. Butt, Red Allen, Jake La Cours, Frank LaRue, Dale Younger, Ed Hibley, Nick Swayze, The Enforcer, Jeff Jakubiak, Ricky Golden, Al Rose, and Sonny Owens.

World Athletic Association presented two cards in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Larry Monti, who already was recognized as middleweight and lightheavyweight champion here, won the junior heavyweight title from Johnny King and the heavyweight title from Mike Cook. So he has all the titles except for the Ladies Championship which is held by Angel Leon. Others who appeared were Joe Hammer, Tank Stephenson, Mike Beausang, Joe Espanosa, Merced

Soliz, Champ Thomas, El Aguila Solitaria, Danny Esponosa, The Trooper (managed by Rik Fear), and Skip Knight.

Southern Florida Championship Wrestling presented cards in Talahasse, Florida. The Outlaws (The Halfbreed & Black Assassin) defeated Kurt Gross & Dannis Gale to win the tag title. Larry Gibson defended the heavyweight title against Steve Blackman. Ray Gardner and Jimmy Backlund are both claiming junior heavyweight titles here. Others who appeared recently include Ray French, Abdulla the Butcher, a Mr. Wrestling, Johnny Hayes, Ric Hazzard, Mr. Perfect, Ricky Wise, Denis Gale, Tom Shaft, Snake Watson, Howard Bookshire, Mr. Clean, a Medic, and Bob Hall. Kathy Lynn holds the ladies title and defended against The Gemini. Other female grapplers here include Lady Uganda, Trish Taylor, Kim Brooks, and Dot Dotson.

I.W.W.A. Wrestling headed by promoter Boris Malenko presented a card in Tampa, Florida. Jim Savage holds the group's heavyweight championship. Others featured include Joe Malenko, Dean Malenko, Red Roberts, The Mighty Sigfried, The Outlaw, and Doctor Death #2.

Southern California Championship Wrestling presented cards in Receda and Manhattan Beach. Alex Knight defended their American International title against Jack Armstrong. Ric Drasin turned back the challenge of Buddha Khan to the California state title. The Death Angel & Rocky Lee Esters defended the California tag title against Mad Dog Graham & Henry Hell. Others who appeared include Billy Anderson, Mickey Doyle, Pistol Pete, Loverboy, Cosmos, The Oregon Lumberjack, Dario Romero, Jimmy Cyclone, and Ken Thompson.

Empire Wrestling Federation headed by promoters Jack Barnett & Enzo Morabito with Mark Tendler as matchmaker presents cards at the East End Arena in Shirley, Long Island, New York. Johnny Starr holds the U.S. Championship and Rocky Jones the E.W.F. title. Louis Fabiano recently defeated Mark Pole to win their New York state championship. Others who appeared recently include Baron Mikel Scicluna, Jerry Fazio, The Concrete Cowboy (Bill Masters), Sweet Daddy White, Pete Reeves, Mike Kaluha, Mickey Gilligan, D.C. Drake, Ivan Sinkoff (aka Ed Byrams), and managers Boris Sinkoff, Dr. Jack Stone, and Jeff McBride. Also lady wrestlers Nature Girl, Sweet Melanie, Crystal Monroe, Kitty Adams (manager), Baby Jo, and Bubble Gum.

East Coast Wrestling Federation (aka Continental Wrestling Alliance and Ben-Har Promotions) with headquarters in Ardsley, Pennsylvania, and Paul Swanger as promoter is associated with the E.W.F. of the just previous report. D.C. Drake came out on top in the dispute over their heavyweight title with The Concrete Cowboy but then lost the title on a recent television card in Easton, Pa., to Karl Fury. Jeff Donovan defended the television title against Lou Fabiano on the same card. The Wild Mongos, managed by Brother Sledge, continue to hold the tag title, defending it recently against Ken Rad & Jackie Valiant on a North Bergen, New Jersey card. Chief White Feather holds the jr. heavyweight title.

Others who have appeared recently on cards of this promotion include Mike Milton, Tony Savage, Silo McCloud, Jerry Roberts, Tony Colon, Dutch Marvel, Mike Rose, Jose Rivera, Redd Flash, The Midnight Cowboy, Dave Brower, Bernie Bresbo, Bull Butcher, Maniac Mac McGhee, Leopard Mask, Mike Kaluha, John Borzak, Jimmy Powers, The Henchman, Eddie Mirrenda, Sweet Daddy White, Mickey Gilligan, Damian Kane, Mike Powers, and lady wrestlers Sweet Melanie and Nature Girl.

Spotlight On Master Curtiss

There are many managers in the sport of professional wrestling, but there is only one who has overcome the handicap of being confined to wheelchair and that is Dr. Master Curtiss who has been active for some time on the Sports International Unlimited promotion based in Nashville, Tennessee. Although this is one of the smaller promotions, we thought that Master Curtiss deserved some recognition in The Wrestling News.

He heads up what he called "The House of Curtiss" with most of the wrestlers under his management being masked. Currently at the top of his stable are a team he calls "The Interns" one of several masked combos over the years to use that name. Master Curtiss has proven that one can overcome a handicap, and although he is anything but popular in the areas where he has appeared, he deserves our recognition and a salute for his achievements.

The masked Interns with their manager, Dr. Master Curtiss.

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OBITUARIES

OBITUARY: VINCENT McMAHON SR.

Vincent McMahon Sr. is survived by his wife, Juanita; two sons, Vince Jr., and Roderick; a sister, Dorthy Davey; and four grandchildren.

Vince McMahon passed away in Florida in May at the age of 69. He was one of the most successful promoters in professional wrestling history. Brought into the business by his father, Jess McMahon, who had been a boxing matchmaker at Madison Square Garden in the 1920's and who later moved into the wrestling business, Vince became associated with and then partners with top promoters in the northeast and elsewhere.

In partnership with Toots Mondt, Phil Zacko, and others, he headed the Capitol Wrestling Corporation booking office in Washington, D.C., that eventually supplied talent to all of the leading promoters in the northeast including Ray Fabiania in Pennsylvania, Willie Gilzenberg in New Jersey, the Johnson Brothers at Madison Square Garden, Abe Ford in Boston, and others. Through death of, retirement of, and purchase from the others by 1982 he had taken over sole control of exclusive contracts to promote pro wrestling in virtually every major arena in the northeast U.S.A. — the most populous section of our country. He was also in partnership with Mike LeBell in booking wrestlers to Japan for the New Japan promotion there.

For a time during the early 1960's he had attempted to expand into the midwest and was in partnership with Fred Kohler in Chicago promotions for several years. McMahon eventually pulled out of the Chicago promotion.

In 1963 with Willie Gilzenberg and others he founded the World Wrestling Federation and created a new championship for that organization by matching popular area favorite Bruno Sammartino against former N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Champion Buddy Rogers. Sammartino won and as champion became the biggest drawing card ever in the northeast area. In 1971 McMahon rejoined the N.W.A. and dropped the claim that his W.W.F. titleholders were the real World's Champions, again recognizing the N.W.A. titleholders as the official champs but making very little use of them on his promotions and continuing to feature the W.W.F. titles. The W.W.F. remained a part of the N.W.A. until 1982.

In 1983, after buying out his remaining partners, he gave Capitol Wrestling Corporation to his son, Vincent Jr., who made it a division of his own Titan Sports Inc. Vince Jr. survives and thus continues as the third generation in his family in the wrestling promotion business.

Vince McMahon Sr. was not only one of the most successful, but also one of the most respected promoters in our sport. Although active in many areas he is most closely associated with Madison Square Garden where he was the sole wrestling promoter for so many years. (by Patrice Lynne)

OBITUARY: JACK WENTWORTH

The wrestling fraternity was saddened to learn of the death of Jack Wentworth at the age of 76, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Wentworth had suffered two strokes in the past year and his recent passing ended a colorful life that included forty years in the wrestling business — a business that took him around the world in the days when all overseas travel was usually done by ship.

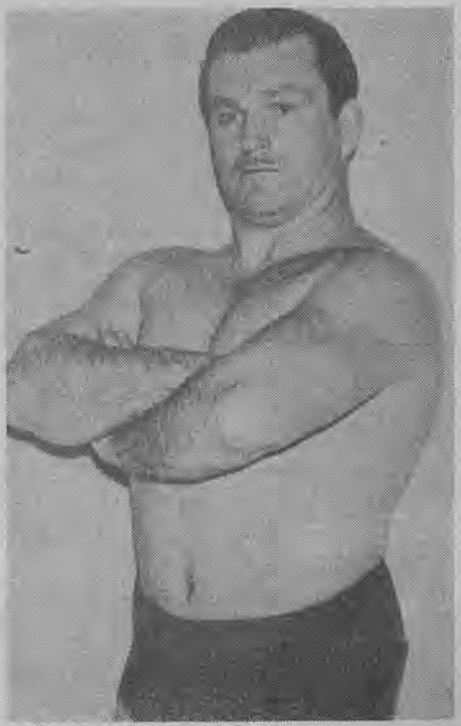
He was born Alfred Hodgson in Lancashire, England, and his family came to Canada when he was two years old. In his youth he was a very skilled swimmer, soccer player, and amateur wrestler, and in 1932 he joined the professional wrestling ranks, journeying to England shortly thereafter to advance his career. In England he took the name Jack Wentworth and used it for the rest of his life.

Jack's active mat career spanned 35 years and he spent a further 5 years as a referee. His travels took him to the U.S., France, Germany, Bahama Islands, and throughout southern Africa with visits to Rhodesia, Windhoek, South Africa, The Belgian Congo, and Mozambique. Over the years he faced such giants of the ring as Everett Marshall, Johannes Van Der Walt, Ray Steele, Earl McCready, Lou Thesz, and Bronko Nagurski.

Besides training his brothers and son Robert for the sport, Jack ran the Queenston Health Studios in Hamilton from 1958 to 1972, and in that time the wrestling school/gymnasium started a number of young men on their pro career including such favorites as Rocky Johnson, Johnny Powers, Angelo Mosca, Reginald Love, Jerry Valiant, and many, many more.

Jack is survived by his wife of 54 years, Winifred, and son Robert and daughter Audrey, brothers Bert, George, Ernie, and his sister Maggie, and several grandchildren.

(by Doug Chambers)



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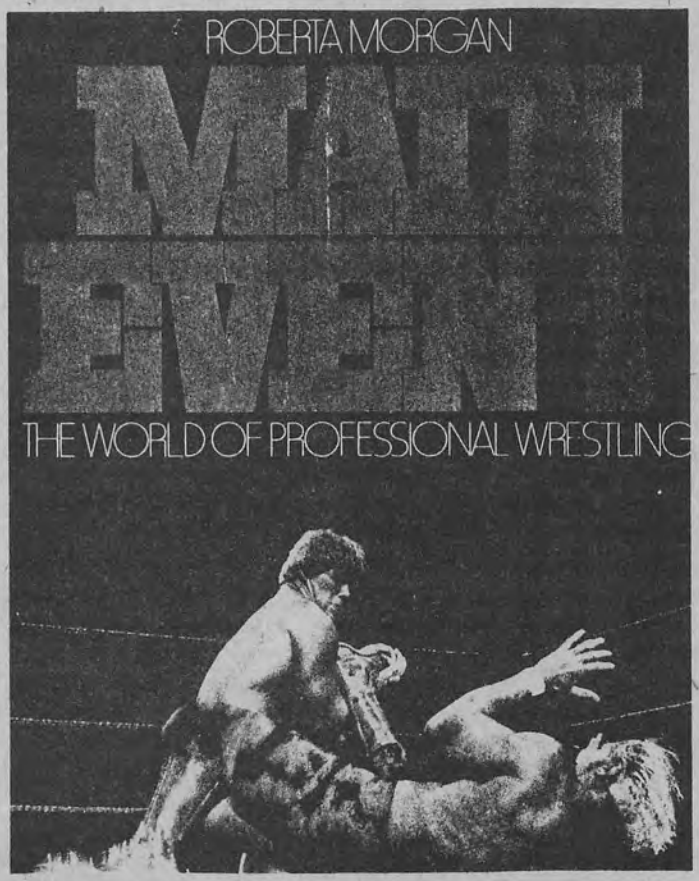

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T.V. WRESTLING GUIDE

In this section of The Wrestling News we attempt to list every television wrestling program in North America. Although we have a fairly complete listing, as television schedules change constantly, it is impossible for us to be completely up to date. We list the programs in the states where the station is located, although in many cases the area covered by a station extends outside its state.

This is especially true of stations that are carried on cable television systems which now serve over 20% of the homes in the United States. These cable systems often bring in stations from far outside the area that feature wrestling, such as the WTBS Atlanta and WOR New York stations that have twice weekly television programs. There are also special cable networks that have wrestling programs on their schedule, including the USA network which features wrestling from Madison Square Garden and the Capitol Centre on an irregular basis, and the Prism network which features wrestling from The Spectrum. All of these major cable wrestling programs listed so far, except the Atlanta one, are under the control of Titan Sports (Vince McMahon Jr.) who is attempting to expand his operation to promote wrestling throughout the United States. We are not a source of information as to which cable systems carry wrestling programs. You will have to check directly with your local cable systems available in your area to find out which stations are available in your area.

We do ask help from all of our readers in keeping this listing as up to date as possible. We request that anyone who notices errors or omissions in this schedule to send us that information so that we can make corrections in future issues. Please send any television information you have to: TV Editor, The Wrestling News, P.O. Box 3325, Mankato, Minnesota 56002.

ALABAMA
5-WKRG, Mobile ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.
18-WDHN, Dothan ..... Sat., 12:30 P.M.
48-WAFF, Huntsville ..... Sat., 12:30 P.M.
15-WOWL, Florence ..... Sat., 12:00 P.M.
21-WTTO, Birmingham ..... Sat., 9:00 A.M.
6-WBRC, Birmingham .... Sun., 12:30 A.M.
4-WTVY, Dothan ..... Sat., 5:30 P.M.
20-WCOV, Montgomery ..... Sat., 6:00 P.M.

ARIZONA
15-KNXV, Phoenix ..... Sat., 11:00 A.M.
3-KTVK, Phoenix ..... Sun., 1:00 P.M.

ARKANSAS
4-KARK, Little Rock ..... Sat., 12:00 P.M.
16-KLRT, Little Rock ..... Sat., 9:00 P.M.
29-KTVP, Fayetteville ..... Sun., 1:30 A.M.
29-KTVP, Fayetteville ..... Sun., 12:30 A.M.

CALIFORNIA
6-XETV, San Diego ..... Sun., 1:00 P.M.
9-KHJ, Los Angeles ..... Sat., 9:30 A.M.
34-KMEX, Los Angeles ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.
19-KCSO, Modesta ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.
20-KTZO, San Francisco ... Sat., 11:00 A.M.
21-KFTV, Hanford ..... Sat., 11:30 A.M.
31-KRBK, Sacramento ..... Sat., 10:00 P.M.
26-KTSF, San Francisco .... Sat., 12:00 P.M.
26-KTSF, San Francisco .... Thur., 5:00 P.M.

COLORADO
31-KDVR, Denver ..... Sun., 10:00 A.M.
5-KOAA, Pueblo ..... Sat., 4:00 P.M.

CONNECTICUT
20-WTXX, Waterbury ..... Sat., 10:00 A.M.
30-WVIT, Hartford ..... Sat., 12:30 P.M.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
20-WDCA, Washington .... Sat., 11:00 A.M.

FLORIDA
6-WCIX, Miami ..... Sat., 12:00 P.M.
20-WBBH, Fort Myers ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.
44-WTOG, St. Petersburg .... Sat., 7:00 P.M.
28-WFTS, Tampa ..... Sat., 12:00 P.M.
40-WXLT, Sarasota ..... Sun., 12:00 P.M.
2-WESH, Orlando ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.
9-WFTV, Orlando ..... Sat., 1:30 P.M.
12-WTLV, Jacksonville ..... Sat., 12:00 P.M.
17-WJKS, Jacksonville ..... Sun., 1:00 P.M.
30-WAWS, Jacksonville .... Sat., 11:00 A.M.
27-WECA, Tallahassee ..... Sun., 5:00 P.M.
34-WTVX, Ft. Pierce ..... Sun., 1:15 A.M.
20-WCJB, Gainesville ..... Mon., 12:00 A.M.
12-WPEC, West Palm Beach . Sat., 1:30 P.M.
15-WPMI, Pensacola ..... Sat., 3:00 P.M.

GEORGIA
17-WTBS, Atlanta ..... Sun., 7:05 P.M.
46-WANX, Atlanta ..... Sat., 9:00 A.M.
6-WJBF, Augusta ..... Sat., 2:00 P.M.
41-WCWB, Macon ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.
11-WTOC, Savannah ..... Sat., 3:00 P.M.
9-WRBL, Columbus ..... Sat., 4:00 P.M.
38-WYEA, Columbus ..... Sat., 7:00 P.M.
38-WYEA, Columbus ..... Sat., 7:00 P.M.

HAWAII
13-KIKU, Honolulu ..... Fri., 11:00 P.M.

ILLINOIS
26-WCIU, Chicago ..... Sun., 12:00 P.M.
26-WCIU, Chicago ..... Sun., 11:00 A.M.
13-WREX, Rockford ..... Sun., 11:00 A.M.
3-WSIL, Harrisburg ..... Fri., 11:40 P.M.
20-WICD, Champaign ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.
55-WRSP, Springfield ..... Sat., 4:00 P.M.
32-WFLD, Chicago ..... Sat. 8:30 A.M.
60-WPWR, Chicago ..... Sat., 5:00 P.M.

INDIANA
55-WFFT, Ft. Wayne ..... Sat., 12:00 P.M.
6-WRTV, Indianapolis ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.
25-WEHT, Evansville ..... Sat., 11:50 P.M.
7-WTVW, Evansville ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.

KANSAS
2-KCKT, Great Bend ..... Sun., 1:00 A.M.
3-KARD, Wichita ..... Sun., 1:00 A.M.
11-KGLD, Garden City ..... Sun., 1:00 A.M.
27-KTSB, Topeka ..... Sun., 10:00 A.M.

KENTUCKY
57-WKYH, Hazard ..... Sat., 12:00 P.M.
13-WBKO, Bowling Green .. Sat., 11:00 A.M.
3-WAVE, Louisville ..... Sat., 12:00 P.M.
18-WLEX, Lexington ..... Sat., 12:00 P.M.
41-WDRB, Louisville ..... Sat., 11:30 A.M.
62-WTVQ, Lexington ..... Sat., 11:30 P.M.
27-WKYT, Lexington ..... Sat., 11:00 A.M.
61-WTSF, Ashland ..... Sat., 3:00 P.M.
6-WCZB, Lexington ..... Sat., 2:30 P.M.
34-WGRB, Campbellsville ... Sat., 5:30 P.M.

LOUISIANA
9-WAFB, Baton Rouge ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.
10-KLFY, Lafayette ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.
5-KALB, Alexandria ..... Sun., 9:00 A.M.
26-WGNO, New Orleans .... Sun., 5:00 P.M.
26-WGNO, New Orleans .... Sat., 11:00 P.M.
3-KTBS, Shreveport ..... Sat., 3:00 P.M.
10-KTVE, Monroe ..... Sat., 10:15 P.M.
7-KPLC, Lake Charles ..... Sat., 12:00 P.M.
6-WDSU, New Orleans .... Sun., 10:30 P.M.

MAINE
13-WGAN, Portland ..... Sat., 2:00 P.M.
5-WABI, Bangor ..... Sun., 12:15 A.M.

MARYLAND
45-WBFF, Baltimore ..... Sat., 4:00 P.M.
54-WNUV, Baltimore ..... Sat., 12:00 P.M.
47-WMDT, Salisbury ..... Sat., 2:00 P.M.
47-WMDT, Salisbury ..... Sun., 10:00 A.M.
16-WBOC, Salisbury ..... Sat., 11:30 P.M.

MASSACHUSETTS
68-WQTV, Boston ..... Sat., 10:00 A.M.
25-WXNE, Boston ..... Sat., 11:00 A.M.
56-WLVI, Boston ..... Sat., 11:00 A.M.
22-WWLP, Springfield ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.

MICHIGAN
31-WIHT, Ann Arbor ..... Sat., 9:30 A.M.
25-WEYI, Saginaw ..... Sat., 11:00 A.M.

MINNESOTA
6-KAAL, Austin ..... Sun., 11:45 P.M.
9-KMSP, Minneapolis .... Sun., 11:00 A.M.
9-KMSP, Minneapolis ..... Sat., 11:00 A.M.
7-KCMT, Alexandria ..... Sat., 11:30 P.M.
41-KXLI, St. Cloud ..... Sun., 6:00 P.M.
11-WTCN, Minneapolis ..... Sat., 6:00 P.M.
29-KITN, Minneapolis ..... Sat., 5:00 P.M.

MISSISSIPPI
12-WJTV, Jackson ..... Sat., 1:30 P.M.
13-WLOX, Biloxi ..... Sat., 12:30 P.M.
9-WTVA, Tupelo ..... Sat., 12:00 P.M.
6-WABG, Greenwood ..... Sat., 12:30 P.M.

MISSOURI
41-KMBA, Kansas City ..... Sun., 8:00 A.M.
11-KPLR, St. Louis ..... Sun., 11:00 A.M.
17-KCBJ, Columbia ..... Sun., 12:15 A.M.
2-KQTV, St. Joseph ..... Sat., 12:30 P.M.
30-KDNL, St. Louis ..... Sat., 5:00 P.M.
30-KDNL, St. Louis ..... Sun., 10:00 A.M.

MONTANA
10-KFAC, Butte ..... Sat., 3:30 P.M.

NEVADA
13-KTVN, Las Vegas ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
9-WMUR, Manchester ..... Sat., 1:00 P.M.

NEW JERSEY
47-WNJU, Newark ..... Tues., 11:30 P.M.
47-WNJU, Newark ..... Thurs., 11:30 P.M.
9-WOR, Secaucus ..... Sat., 10:00 A.M.
9-WOR, Secaucus ..... Sun., 12:00 A.M.
41-WXTU, Patterson ..... Sat. 1:00 P.M.

NEW MEXICO
14-KSMW, Albuquerque .... Sat., 11:00 A.M.
13-KGGM, Albuquerque ..... Sat., 4:00 P.M.
12-KMCC, Clovis ..... Sun., 3:00 P.M.
12-KIVA, Farmington ..... Sun., 11:00 A.M.

NEW YORK
9-WOR, New York City . . . . Sun., 12:00 A.M.
9-WOR, New York City . . . . Sat., 10:00 A.M.
34-WMGC, Binghamton . . . . Sat., 11:00 P.M.
29-WUTV, Buffalo . . . . . Sat., 12:00 P.M.
67-WSNL, Smithtown . . . . . Sun., 11:00 A.M.
31-WUHF, Rochester . . . . . Sun., 7:00 P.M.
20-WUTR, Utica . . . . . Sat., 1:00 P.M.
43-WXXA, Albany . . . . . Sun., 8:00 P.M.

NORTH CAROLINA
36-WRET, Charlotte . . . . . Sat., 1:00 P.M.
13-WLOS, Ashville . . . . . Sat., 7:00 P.M.
14-WHKY, Hickory . . . . . Sat., 11:00 P.M.
14-WHKY, Hickory . . . . . Sat., 11:30 A.M.
48-WGGT, Greensboro . . . . . Sat., 6:00 P.M.
12-WXII, Winston, Salem . . . Sat., 12:00 P.M.
7-WITN, Washington . . . . . Sat., 5:00 P.M.
5-WRAL, Raleigh . . . . . Sat., 11:30 P.M.
12-WCTI, New Berne . . . . . Sat., 7:00 P.M.
12-WCTI, New Berne . . . . . Sat., 12:30 A.M.
36-WPCQ, Charlotte . . . . . Sat., 5:00 P.M.
3-WWAY, Wilmington . . . . . Sat., 2:00 P.M.
11-WTVD, Durham . . . . . Sat., 3:00 P.M.
40-WKFT, Fayetteville . . . . . Sat., 7:00 P.M.

NORTH DAKOTA
15-KVNJ, Fargo . . . . . Sat., 11:00 P.M.
15-KVNJ, Fargo . . . . . Sun., 1:00 P.M.

OHIO
9-WTOV, Stubenville . . . . . Sun., 3:00 P.M.
23-WAKR, Akron . . . . . Sun., 2:30 P.M.
22-WKEF, Dayton . . . . . Sat., 12:00 P.M.
67-WOAC, Canton . . . . . Sun., 11:00 A.M.
67-WOAC, Canton . . . . . Sat., 6:00 P.M.
61-WCLQ, Cleveland . . . . . Sat., 11:00 A.M.
24-WDHO, Toledo . . . . . Sun., 11:35 P.M.
11-WTOL, Toledo . . . . . Sat., 1:30 A.M.
33-WYTV, Youngstown . . . . . Sat., 2:00 P.M.
5-WLWT, Cincinnati . . . . . Sat., 12:00 P.M.

OKLAHOMA
2-KJRH, Tulsa . . . . . Sat., 12:00 P.M.
34-KGMC, Oklahoma City . . . Sat., 6:00 P.M.

OREGON
12-KPTV, Portland . . . . . Fri., 11:30 P.M.
12-KPTV, Portland . . . . . Sat., 11:00 P.M.
22-KECH, Salem . . . . . Sun., 4:30 P.M.

PENNSYLVANIA
22-WPTT, Pittsburgh . . . . . Sat., 5:00 P.M.
22-WPTT, Pittsburgh . . . . . Thur., 10:00 P.M.
22-WDAU, Scranton . . . . . Fri., 11:30 P.M.
29-WTAF, Philadelphia . . . . Sat., 11:00 A.M.
17-WPHL, Philadelphia . . . . . Sat., 3:00 P.M.
19-WJNL, Johnstown . . . . . Sat., 6:00 P.M.
69-WFMZ, Allentown . . . . . Sat., 5:00 P.M.
69-WFMZ, Allentown . . . . . Sat., 1:00 P.M.
43-WSBA, York . . . . . Sat., 10:00 A.M.

SOUTH CAROLINA
4-WFBC, Greenville . . . . . Sat., 1:00 P.M.
2-WCBD, Charleston . . . . . Sat., 11:15 P.M.
4-WCIV, Charleston . . . . . Sat., 1:00 P.M.
19-WLTX, Columbia . . . . . Sat., 12:30 P.M.
25-WOLO, Columbia . . . . . Sat., 11:45 P.M.
13-WBTW, Florence . . . . . Sat., 2:00 P.M.
15-WPDE, Florence . . . . . Sat., 11:15 P.M.

TENNESSEE
3-WRCB, Chattanooga . . . . Sat., 11:00 A.M.
3-WRCB, Chattanooga . . . . Sat., 12:30 P.M.
17-WZTV, Nashville . . . . . Sat., 11:00 A.M.
5-WTVF, Nashville . . . . . Sat., 2:00 P.M.
24-WPPY, Memphis . . . . . Sat., 9:00 P.M.
10-WBIR, Knoxville . . . . . Sat., 2:00 P.M.
11-WJHL, Johnson City . . . . Sat., 12:00 P.M.
55-WCPT, Crossville . . . . . Sat., 7:00 P.M.

Midnight Express: Dennis Condry, Mgr. Jimmy Cornette, Bobby Eaton.

5-WMC, Memphis . . . . . Sat., 11:00 A.M.
7-WBBJ, Jackson . . . . . Sat., 10:30 P.M.
26-WTVK, Knoxville . . . . . Sat., 12:30 P.M.
55-WCPT, Crossville . . . . . Sun., 4:00 P.M.
55-WCPT, Crossville . . . . . Mon., 8:00 P.M.
24-WPTY, Memphis . . . . . Sat., 10:00 A.M.
61-WRIP, Chattanooga . . . . . Sat., 1:30 P.M.

TEXAS
39-KHTV, Houston . . . . . Sat., 10:30 P.M.
39-KHTV, Houston . . . . . Sun., 9:00 A.M.
28-KORO, Corpus Christi . . . . Sat., 5:00 P.M.
41-KWEX, San Antonio . . . . . Sat., 4:00 P.M.
41-KWEX, San Antonio . . . . Sun., 10:00 A.M.
5-KENS, San Antonio . . . . . Sat., 1:00 A.M.
4-KMOL, San Antonio . . . . . Sat., 12:00 A.M.
11-KTVT, Fort Worth . . . . . Sat., 10:30 P.M.
39-KXTX, Dallas . . . . . Sun., 11:00 A.M.
39-KXTX, Dallas . . . . . Sun., 6:00 P.M.
4-KJAC, Port Arthur . . . . . Sat., 11:30 A.M.
4-KJAC, Port Arthur . . . . . Sun., 12:00 A.M.
24-KVUE, Austin . . . . . Sat., 12:30 P.M.
4-KDBC, El Paso . . . . . Sun., 10:30 P.M.
10-KFDA, Amarillo . . . . . Sat., 6:00 P.M.
28-KAMC, Lubbock . . . . . Sun., 4:00 P.M.
2-KMID, Midland . . . . . Sat., 11:00 P.M.
4-KGBT, Harlingen . . . . . Sat, 11:30 P.M.
19-KXIX, Victoria . . . . . Sat., 1:30 P.M.
6-KRIS, Corpus Christi . . . Sun., 12:00 A.M.
6-KRIS, Corpus Christi . . . Sun., 10:00 A.M.

UTAH
4-KTVX, Salt Lake City . . . . Sun., 9:30 A.M.
20-KSTU, Salt Lake City . . . . . Sat., 9:00 P.M.

VIRGINIA
5-WCYB, Bristol . . . . . Sat., 1:00 P.M.
33-WTVZ, Norfolk . . . . . Sat., 4:00 P.M.
6-WTVR, Richmond . . . . . Sat., 2:00 P.M.
6-WTVR, Richmond . . . . . Sun., 12:30 A.M.
29-WVIR, Charlottesville . . . . Sat., 3:00 P.M.
10-WSLS, Roanoke . . . . . Sat., 1:00 P.M.
13-WSET, Lynchburg . . . . . Sat., 11:15 P.M.
56-WNVC, Falls Church . . . . . Sat., 4:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON
13-KCPQ, Tacoma . . . . . Sat., 11:00 A.M.

WEST VIRGINIA
4-WOAY, Oak Hill . . . . . Sat., 2:00 P.M.
3-WSAZ, Huntington . . . . . Sat., 1:30 P.M.
23-WVAH, Hurricane . . . . . Sun., 5:00 P.M.
23-WVAH, Hurricane . . . . . Sun., 11:30 P.M.
6-WVVA, Bluefield . . . . . Sat., 2:00 P.M.

WISCONSIN
24-WCGV, Milwaukee . . . . . Sun., 12:00 P.M.
55-W55AS, Milwaukee . . . . . Sun., 11:00 A.M.
13-WEAU, Eau Claire . . . . . Sun., 11:00 P.M.
26-WLRE, Green Bay . . . . . Sun., 10:00 A.M.
5-WFRV, Green Bay . . . . . Sun., 11:00 A.M.

ALBERTA
7-CFAC, Lethbridge . . . . . Sat., 3:00 P.M.
2-CFAE, Calgary . . . . . Sat., 3:30 P.M.

BRITISH COLUMBIA
6-CHEK, Victoria . . . . . Sat., 12:00 P.M.
8-BCTV, Vancouver . . . . . Sat., 3:00 P.M.
21-CKVU, Vancouver . . . . . Sat., 2:00 P.M.

MANITOBA
5-CKY, Winnipeg . . . . . Sat., 2:00 P.M.
5-CKY, Winnipeg . . . . . Sat., 12:30 P.M.
12-CKND, Winnipeg . . . . . Sat., 6:00 P.M.
12-CKND, Winnipeg . . . . . Sun., 1:00 P.M.
13-CABE, Winnipeg . . . . . Sun., 10:30 P.M.
13-CABE, Winnipeg . . . . . Mon., 7:00 P.M.

NEW BRUNSWICK
9-CKCW, Moncton . . . . . Sat., 7:00 P.M.

ONTARIO
11-CHCH, Hamilton . . . . . Sat., 1:00 P.M.
3-CKVR, Barrie . . . . . Sat., 2:00 P.M.
6-CJOH, Ottawa . . . . . Sat., 1:00 P.M.
9-CBET, Windsor . . . . . Sat., 12:00 P.M.
42-CKCO, Kitchener . . . . . Sat., 2:00 P.M.
47-CMTV, Toronto . . . . . Sun., 2:30 P.M.

QUEBEC
7-CHLT, Sherbrooke . . . . . Sun., 10:30 A.M.
12-CFCF, Montreal . . . . . Sat., 5:00 P.M.
10-CFEM, Abitibi . . . . . Sun., 11:00 A.M.

PUERTO RICO
4-WAPA, San Juan . . . . . Sat., 12:00 P.M.
4-WAPA, San Juan . . . . . Sat., 1:00 P.M.
7-WLUZ, San Juan . . . . . Sat., 6:00 P.M.

MEXICO
4-XEW, Mexico City . . . . . Fri., 10:30 P.M.

THE WRESTLING FANS NEWS

FAN CLUBS — SWAP 'N SELL — PEN PALS

Welcome again to the final, but in many ways, the most important section of The Wrestling News. As the title indicates, this is the section for you the fans. Our entire magazine is prepared for wrestling fans — in fact we have long considered our magazine itself in many ways of being the largest fan club for professional wrestling in the world. We feel positive about the sport and its fans and we encourage any and all to participate in our publication as reporters. We are the only publication that does that and also the only one that has any section like "The Wrestling Fans News."

The purpose of this section is to provide services for all wrestling fans. We try to provide a market place for collectors of wrestling material, to provide a comprehensive listing of all active wrestling fan clubs and a review of their publications, and to provide a pen pal section to help fans find correspondents who share their professional wrestling interests.

All of these advertisements in "The Wrestling Fans News" are provided at no charge. Anyone who is interested in placing an advertisement should send us a S.A.S.E. (self addressed stamped envelope) and we will be happy to send you an application. We do reserve the right to reject any advertisement for any reason without explanation. We also reserve the right to condense, delete parts of, or change the wording of any advertisement as we see fit.

We also want to again explain that we do not guarantee in any way any of the advertisements printed here. Although probably well over 90% of the individuals listed here provide the products they offer for the prices they list and deal honestly with all, we always include this warning notice in each issue of The Wrestling News because we want all to be aware of the fact up front — that any dealings you have with anyone listed here are at your own risk. We want to stress very strongly that we do not endorse any of the products or publications or offers that are made by people who advertise in our magazine. **Only the seller guarantees that he has the rights to sell the material he offers.**

The Wrestling News does not knowingly accept any fraudulent, misleading, or objectionable advertising. Liability for the content of all advertising and for any claims that may arise therefrom is the responsibility of the advertisers and not the publisher. Readers are urged to report objectionable experiences to the publisher and also to postal authorities in charge of mail fraud. We will provide a copy of the individual's application and also any other information we are able to in the case of any complaint, and we will fully cooperate with postal authorities in any investigation.

In short, we provide this service free at no charge to anyone. We make no guarantees for any individual listed here, so if you choose to deal with someone be fully aware in advance that you are doing so at your own risk.

You may wonder why we stress all this so strongly in each issue of The Wrestling News. That is because there is no way we can guarantee the honesty, truthfulness, and future ability of all who advertise to produce what they promise. The reason we have kept a fans section in our magazines when all other publishers in the field have dropped those sections is that we know this is a section that many of our readers want, and our goal here at The Wrestling News is always to give the readers what they want. As we have stated before, we have found that the vast majority of those who place advertisements in The Wrestling Fans News are completely honest. In the rare cases when there are complaints concerning individuals listed here we will report on them as well, making no judgements concerning the complaints, and we will write directly to both sides in a dispute and try to help settle the matter.

FAN CLUBS

The fan clubs that are listed in The Wrestling Fans News have all agreed to provide us with copies of all bulletins and material that they sell to members who join their clubs. We attempt to make this section a consumer's report of the fans clubs of professional wrestling and to review, for the benefit of our readers who are interested in joining clubs, the materials that the club provides — also to report on how well the club is doing as far as giving members what is promised on the schedule promised. We also ask that any fan club president who for whatever circumstances changes his bulletins promised schedule or the material offered by his club, or who decides to discontinue his club — to write us with an explanation which we can then pass on to our readers.

We also want to stress that as far as the content of fan club bulletins is concerned — the opinions expressed in them are those of the individuals who publish them and not necessarily those of The Wrestling News. We give free advertising to every fan clubber who agrees to the above terms, not just to those who agree with us completely in every opinion they have. Our listing of new fan club material in this issue covers the period of May 1st to June 15th and we will review in this issue all fan club material received here between those dates. Enough for the introduction — now let's get into the listing of fan clubs for this issue.

Jim Ross, P.O. Box 451, Freeport, IL 61032 has reorganized the Wrestling Fans International Association and in March issued the first new issue of the W.F.I.A. newsletter in over a year. As one of the founders of the W.F.I.A. and a lifetime member of that organization, I welcome it back and support Mr. Ross in his efforts to revive the W.F.I.A. When we founded the W.F.I.A. around twenty years ago, its purpose was to be the governing body of professional wrestling fan clubs — to act as consumer's bureau for them. In the years that followed it degenerated into simply an organization that held an annual convention for wrestling fans. A year ago Don Wilson resigned as president of the organization, leaving Jim Ross — who was then the second ranking officer — at the head. Mr. Ross was unable to locate accurate records of the recent years of operation of the W.F.I.A. and so with Tom Burke and Jim Melby he formed a committee to reorganize and revive the W.F.I.A. The first bulletin of the new W.F.I.A. consists of six 8½x11 pages professionally printed on glossy stock — in which he explains the reorganization plans to date and lists the products available from it. As of right now dues have not been set, but Mr. Ross asks that all who are interested write to him so that they will be placed on the mailing list for future announcements.

Shawn Martin, 18 Hawthorne, Struthers, OH 44471 sent us issue #9 of his WWF Fieldhous fan club bulletin. It consisted of 31 letter size pages with in depth reports on the April 26th WWF card in Warren, Ohio, and on the April 14th Southwest card in Girard, Ohio. Photos and clippings from those cards plus some results listings from other areas as well. Shawn charges $1.25 per bulletin and promises a new issue after each wrestling card in his city.

Donna Crawford, P.O. Box 363, Pleasant Valley, VA 22848 sent us issue #15 of her Ric Flair bulletin in April. It consisted of 12 letter size pages, packed with news, pictures, clippings, and results on her honorary. The photos were especially well reproduced for a fan club bulletin. She charges $10.00 per year for this club and in return promises those who join that she will send them a membership card, a 5x7 autographed color picture of Ric, a letter from Mr. Flair welcoming them to the club, and four bulletins during the year. Bulletin #15 was the second bulletin for this club we received this year, after receiving all four issues on schedule in 1983.

Richard Lee Fogel, 4348 North Chestnut St., Apt. 213, Colorado Springs, CO 80907 sent us issue #5 of his Battles Royal fan club bulletin in April. It consisted of 5 letter size pages, with coverage in the main on A.W.A. wrestling and on the television programs he viewed from other areas. He started out by promising members a monthly bulletin but so far we have only received five issues in the first ten months of his club. He charges 75¢ plus a legal size S.A.S.E. for a single issue or $1.00 without the S.A.S.E.

Steve Helwagen, 605 Edgewood Drive, Circleville, OH 43113 sent us two issues — #30 and #31 — of his Eastern Wrestling fan club bulletin since our last issue. Each consisted of ten legal size pages packed full of news, reports, profiles, and results. Issue #30 had a special profile on Brad Armstrong while issue #31 had one on Rick Martel. Steve charges $1.00 plus a 20¢ stamp for one issue, $3.00 in either stamps or money for three issues, $5.50 in stamps, money, or a combination of the two for the next six issues, or $10.00 for the next twelve issues. Those who wish to receive their issues inside envelopes must send $1.00 for each plus a S.A.S.E. for each issue. Steve is also working on a project to put together a Ted DiBiase record book and asks that anyone who can help him to do so.

Neil Drummond, #26-612 Chesterfield Ave., North Vancouver, B.C., Canada V7M 2M2 sent us the May issue of his Pacific Coast Wrestling fan club bulletin. It consisted of 8 letter size pages packed full of news, and results — in depth on the Vancouver and Calgary promotions but with plenty of coverage on other Canadian promotions and some for other areas as well. Neil promises a new bulletin each month and charges 75¢ plus 37¢ for postage (a total of $1.12) per issue. He also has lists of past results from Vancouver (1973-1983), Seattle (1975-1983), and Toronto (1976-1980) available at a cost of $2.00

each year per city, or $10.00 for a total of ten years of past results.

Barbi Barker, 758 Fourth Street, Beaver, PA 15009 sent us two issues of her Wrestling Wire fan club bulletin since our last report. Issue #8 of Vol. #3 (15 size 8½ by 5½ pages) and Issue #1 of Vol. #4 (19 pages — same size) were both packed full of news reports and results from all over. $1.50 for a single issue, $4.25 for the next three issues, or $10.00 for the next seven issues. Barbi promises a new issue each month.

Rene Ford, P.O. Box 188-W, New York, N.Y. 10014 sent us two issues of her Wrestling Gazette fan club bulletin — #'s 14 and 15 — since our last report. Each consisted of 8 letter size pages packed with news, results, opinions, and features — mainly on the WWF. Rene charges $1.25 for a single copy, or $12.00 for the next twelve issues. She promises a new bulletin each month.

David Meltzer, 6562 Winterset Way, San Jose, CA 95120 sent us two of his Wrestling Observer fan club bulletins since our last report. Each had 30 legal size pages packed full of news reports on almost every major area, often with photos and clippings, and a lot of opinions from Dave and his members. Dave charges $2.00 for a single issue or $7.00 for the next four issues.

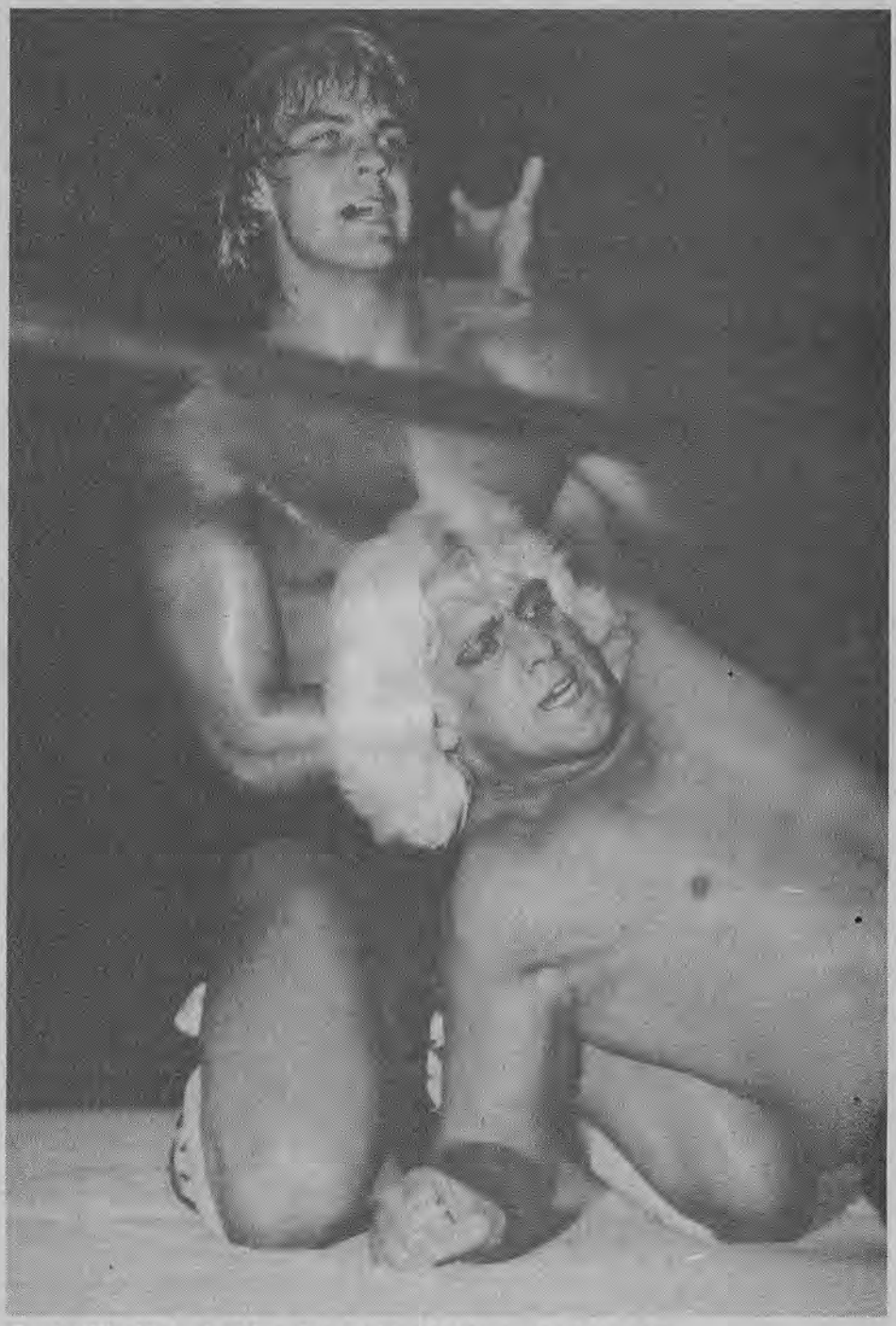
Tom Burke, 31 Groveland St., Springfield, MA 01108 sent us issue #103 of his Global Wrestling fan club bulletin. It consisted of six letter size pages packed with news and mainly results for the month of April from all over. Tom promises a new Global fan club bulletin each month and charges $1.00 plus a S.A.S.E. for a single issue, $5.00 for a four issue subscription, or $15.00 for a twelve issue subscription.

Mr. Burke also runs an All Girl Wrestling fan club. We received issue #14 of that fan club's bulletin — dated April 1984 — in April. It consisted of ten letter size pages, packed with news on lady wrestling from all over covering the period June 1983 to February 1984. Tom charges $3.00 plus a S.A.S.E. for each of the All Girl bulletins. He doesn't promise them on any regular schedule. Tom asked us to mention that he still has copies of All Girl bulletin #10 consisting of twenty pages available and that the cost for that back issue is $5.00 plus four first class stamps.

Irwin Lazar, 87 Wexford Drive, Oakdale, NY 11769 sent us issue #10 of his Mat World fan club bulletin. It consisted of 13 letter size pages, 12 of which were computer generated results and reports from many areas, and the last a page of clippings. The WWF and Georgia NWA based promotions again received the most coverage here. Irwin charges 75¢ for a single issue, $5.00 for the next seven issues, or $8.50 for the next twelve issues. He promises a new bulletin each month.

Jim Schmidt, 149 Redwood Terrace, Williamsville, NY 14221 sent us issue #18 of his Buffalo Backdrop fan club bulletin. It had 22 legal size pages with news and results from all over including the regular in depth coverage on the WWF card in Buffalo. He charges $1.50 for a single issue or $4.50 for the next three issues. Mr. Schmidt promises a new bulletin each month. He also asks that we mention that he is interested in buying, selling, and trading VHS tapes.

Scott Dickinson, 16 Swan St., Beverly, MA 01915 sent us issues #21 and #22 of his WWF Happenings fan club bulletin since our last report. Each consisted of five legal size pages packed with news and results on the WWF with some coverage of other areas as well. He promises a new bulletin each month and charges 75¢ for a single copy, $3.00 for the next six issues, or $6.00 for the next twelve issues.



Barry Windham battles Ric Flair. (Photo by Ted Sweet)

Michael O'Hara, P.O. Box 651, Gracie Station, New York, NY 10028 sent us issues #75 and #76 of his Combat Sports Monthly fan club bulletin. Each consisted of 16 pages — size 7x8½ — and included coverage of pro wrestling, martial arts, and roller games with a lot of clippings, results, reports, and opinions. Mr. O'Hara promises a new Combat Sports bulletin each month and charges $1.25 for a single copy, $6.00 for the next six issues, or $12.00 for the next twelve issues.

Michael also operates fan clubs for Hulk Hogan and for Bulldog Brower. He last issued annual bulletins for them in December of last year. The bulletins are the same size as the Combat Sports one, but of course devoted completely to the honorary of each club. Besides this one bulletin, the $5.00 annual dues that Michael charges for each club brings you a membership card, profile sheet, and four color photos.

Jerry L. Boyd, 160 Boyds Crossing Road, Griffin, GA 30223 sent us four issues of his Georgia Peach State Wrestling fan club bulletin since our last report. They were dated April 11, 18, 25, and May 2nd. Each consisted of five letter size pages with handwritten news and results from Georgia and other areas. Jerry charges 80¢ plus a long S.A.S.E. for a single issue or $3.20 plus four such envelopes for the next four issues. He promises weekly bulletins but before these four issues arrived the last one we received was in April (dated February).

Terry Michaels, P.O. Box 1168, Whitehouse, Texas 75791 sent us three issues of his Wrestling Extra fan club bulletin since our last report. They were issues #16, #17, and #18 and each consisted of four pages — size 5½ by 8½ — packed full of coverage of the World Class NWA promotions

John Borzak about to slam his opponent's head into the mat. (Photo by Ron-Joe Cunliffe)

in Texas. Terry promises a new bulletin every other week and charges 50¢ plus a S.A.S.E. for each issue.

Niles Browning, Route 1, Box 219, Goldendale, WA 98620 sent us issue #6 of his Northwest Wrestling Action fan club bulletin. It consisted of six letter size pages full of news, clippings, pictures, and results from the Oregon-Washington area. Niles promises a new bulletin every four weeks. He charges $1.00 for a single issue, $5.00 for six issues, or $10.00 for twelve issues.

Mike Rogers, 870 Fifth Avenue, Seaside, OR 97138 sent us two issues of his Ring Around The Northwest fan club bulletin since our last report. They were dated May and June. Each issue consisted of four letter size pages with very complete coverage of that Oregon-Washington scene. Mike charges 50¢ per copy and promises a new bulletin each month.

Andreas Matle, Homburger Strasse 17, 6000 Frankfurt-Main 90, West Germany sent us two issues of his Catch Journal newsletter since our last report. They were the #5/84 and #6/84 issues. Each consisted of a 20+ page bulletin written in German plus an accompanying report in English. He charges $3.00 for a single issue or $5.00 for a four issue subscription and promises a new bulletin each month.

S.J. (Juda) Williamson, 1515 South Clermont St., Denver, CO 80222 sent us issue #2 of vol. #2 of her Buck Zum Hofe fan club bulletin in April. It consisted of forty pages — size 5½ by 8½ — full of news on her honory, news on other wrestlers, and items she was selling. She charges $5.00 annual dues and in return promises a new bulletin at least three times a year (we've already now received two), a membership card, and a color picture.

Jim Young, 32 Finley Road, Edison, NJ 08817 sent us issue #6 of his The Month In Wrestling fan club bulletin. It consisted of six typewritten pages with some clippings. Emphasis was on the WWF but included were reports from other areas. Jim charges 75¢ for a single issue, $2.75 for six issues, or $6.75 for twelve issues. He promises a new issue every other month.

Evan R.Treharne (R), 5 Stockland Street, Caerphilly, Mid-Glam, CF8-1GD, United Kingdom who writes the British Wrestling News column that appears regularly here in The Wrestling News, publishes his own Ringsport Magazine in Great Britain. Now in its 25th year, we just received issue #208 which contained 12 pages printed on heavy gloss paper. He charges $10.00 for an eight issue subscription and accepts dollar bills only from U.S. subscribers in order to avoid heavy bank charges he would otherwise have to pay there on foreign checks or money orders. The cost to British subscribers is 5 pounds.

Gerhard Schaefer, AM Moorgraben 10, 3320 Salzgitter 1, West Geramany, whose European Wrestling News column appears regularly here in The Wrestling News, is offering four booklets containing results from American wrestlers in Germany. Each booklet contains 24 pages and the cost for the set is $5.00. Gerhard has also written a book on the promotions of Gustl Kaiser (published in German in 1982) and is selling copies of this book for $10.00 each.

Tony Ray Shanks, Rt. 2, Webbers Falls, OK 74470 sent us issue #1 of his Mid South fan club bulletin in April. It consisted of ten hand written pages, and he is charging $1.00 for a copy of this bulletin that is put together by himself and Frank D. Perry.

Michael Dixon Jr., 1412 W. Elmdale, Chicago, IL 60660 sent us issue #1 of his AWA bulletin in April. It consisted of six hand written pages. Michael says he will have a new issue after each AWA card in Chicago but we have not received another issue from him since then. He charges $1.50 for a single copy, $6.00 for five issues, or $11.00 for ten issues.

Jamie S. Ward, 2824 Quaint Street, Secane, PA 19018 sent us issues #8 and #9 of his Squared Circle fan club bulletin. Each consisted of seven letter size pages' and included news, results, trivia, and nostalgia information on wrestling throughout the country. He charges 75¢ for a single issue, or $2.00 for the next three issues. He promises a new bulletin each month.

Doug Taylor, 95 College St., Lewiston, ME 04240 sent us the first three issues of the World Wrestling Federation News fan club bulletin that he has recently started. Each consisted of about 10 letter size pages with clippings, news, and reports mainly on the WWF of course. He charges $1.25 per copy and promises a new issue each month.

Colleen Grimsey, 107 Stenhope Cres., Corstorphine, Dunedin, New Zealand sent us issue #2 of her Kiwi Wrestling bulletin. It consisted of 16 pages on glossy stock with photos and some really fine interviews and articles by herself, Dave Cameron, Vern R. Ross. She charges $3.00 per copy which includes postage to the U.S.A. and will accept U.S.A. bank notes (dollar bills).

This concludes our listing of active fan clubs

and fan publications we are aware of — those clubs that have applied for listing in The Wrestling News and sent us material. We attempt to tell you what each club offers and how well they are doing on fulfilling their promises to their members. As always, we close with a warning telling you that you deal with anyone listed in The Wrestling News at your own risk. We stress that we do not guarantee any offers made anywhere in this column, but simply provide this information to our readers as a service that can help them decide for themselves whether or not they wish to act on the information.

FOR TRADE

Dave Lunger, 1018 3rd Ave., Altoona, PA 16602 says that he would like to trade clippings on WWF wrestling from 1960 to the present in New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Landover, Baltimore, Boston, Harrisburg, Johnstown, and Altoona for other clippings from the same arenas.

Carlos Rey, 50 West 32nd St., Hialeah, FL 33012 is interested in trading VHS tapes from anywhere he doesn't mention below, especially independent promotions. He says he has shows from Florida, WWF, Georgia (TBS), Southwest, Jarrett Promotions, Pacific N.W., and Mexico to offer in return. He offers a free list of everything he has to anyone who is interested.

PHOTOS FOR SALE

Girl Wrestling Enterprises, P.O. Box 6455, Columbia, SC 29260 has an 18x20 color poster of Princess Victoria & Velvet McIntyre for sale for $4.50 each. They also have other girl wrestling photos available.

Kenny Carpenter, P.O. Box 1168, Whitehouse, TX 75791 has photos for sale. He will send you a list of them in return for a S.A.S.E.

Joe Kennedy, Rt. 1 Box 3, Quinton Road, Bronston, KY 42518 has photos of girl wrestlers for sale — color and black & white. Send him a S.A.S.E. for his list.

Ted Sweet, 350 Bedford Circle, North Syracuse, NY 13212 will provide you with a list of the photos he has for sale and one sample of his work in return for $1.00 and a S.A.S.E.

Doug Parks, 1523 Palmer, Pueblo, CO 81004 has three lists of wrestling photos, men, women and midgets. Send 50¢ and a self addressed stamped letter size envelope for all three lists.

Joe and Ron Cunliffe, P.O Box 265, Lansdowne, PA 19050 have a list of wrestling photos for sale. They have been taking photos since 1967 and have many stars, including the Continental Wrestling Alliance. Send $2.00 plus a self-addressed stamped long envelope with 40¢ postage for a sixteen page list and a free photo.

Gene Gordon, 202 West D Street, Newton, NC 28658-4017 has three lists of wrestling photos for sale — girls, men and midgets. He charges two 20¢ stamps for each list.

Toni L. Trapp, 3311 Templeton, Greenville, TX 75401 has a list of wrestling photos she is selling. Send her a S.A.S.E. for a copy.

Barbi Barker, 758 4th Street, Beaver, PA 15009 has photos of many top wrestlers for sale mainly from the WWF and Mid Atlantic Areas. For a complete list send her two 20¢ stamps along with your name and address.

FOR SALE

Vinny DeCostello, 10 Mawal Drive, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 says he has a list of wrestling magazines that he has for sale, with prices, that he will provide to anyone who sends him a S.A.S.E.

Robert Brown, 20241 Coral Sea Road, Miami, FL 33189 has a list of wrestling magazines from 1957 to 1982 that he is offering for sale. He will send this price list to all who send him a S.A.S.E.

PEN PALS

Kristi White, 305 Patterson, Moore, OK 73160 is looking for pen pals who share her interest in professional wrestling.

Sherry Tarrant, Rt. 1, Box 49, Paoli, OK 73074 would like to find pen pals who share her interest in pro wrestling. Her favorites are the Rock & Roll Express and the Von Erichs.

Felix E. Faulk Jr., 222 Bolling Drive, Homer, LA 70140 would like to hear from anyone, anywhere who loves professional wrestling. His favorites are The Junkyard Dog, Hacksaw Duggan, The Rock & Roll Express, Dusty Rhodes, and Andre the Giant.

Amy Smith, 118 York St., Circleville, OH 43113 wants to find pen pals who share her interest in the great sport of pro wrestling.

Akihito Harada, 13155-11 Yarishima, Asaguchi-Gun, Okayama, 714-01, JAPAN says that he is 19 years old and would like to find both male and female pen pals from anywhere in the world — ages 14 to 26 — and to exchange letters, programs, photographs, magazines, etc. He says that his favorite wrestlers are Hulk Hogan, Antonio Inoki and The Dynamite Kid.

CONCLUSION

To close out this section of The Wrestling News we would like to invite all who are interested in being listed in The Wrestling Fans News (Swap 'N Sell) department to send a S.A.S.E. (self addressed stamped envelope) and request an application from The Wrestling Fans News, P.O. Box 3325, Mankato, Minnesota 56002.

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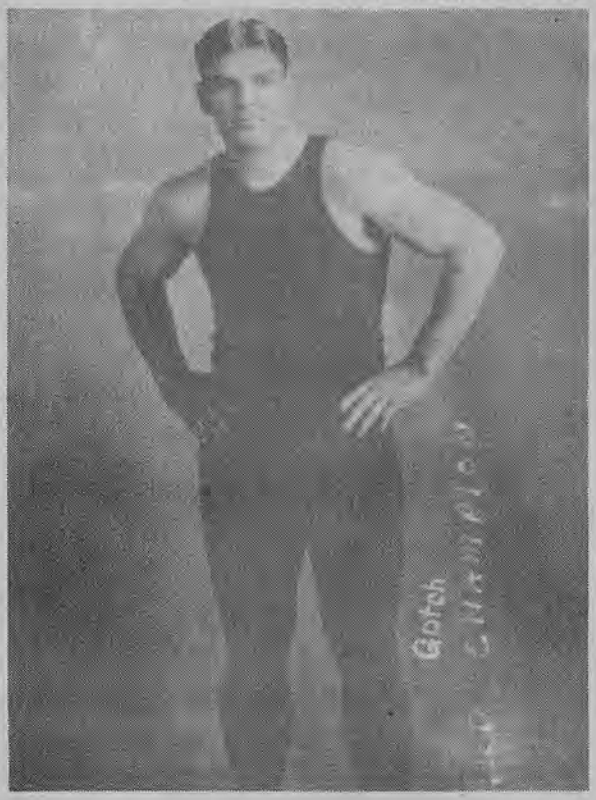

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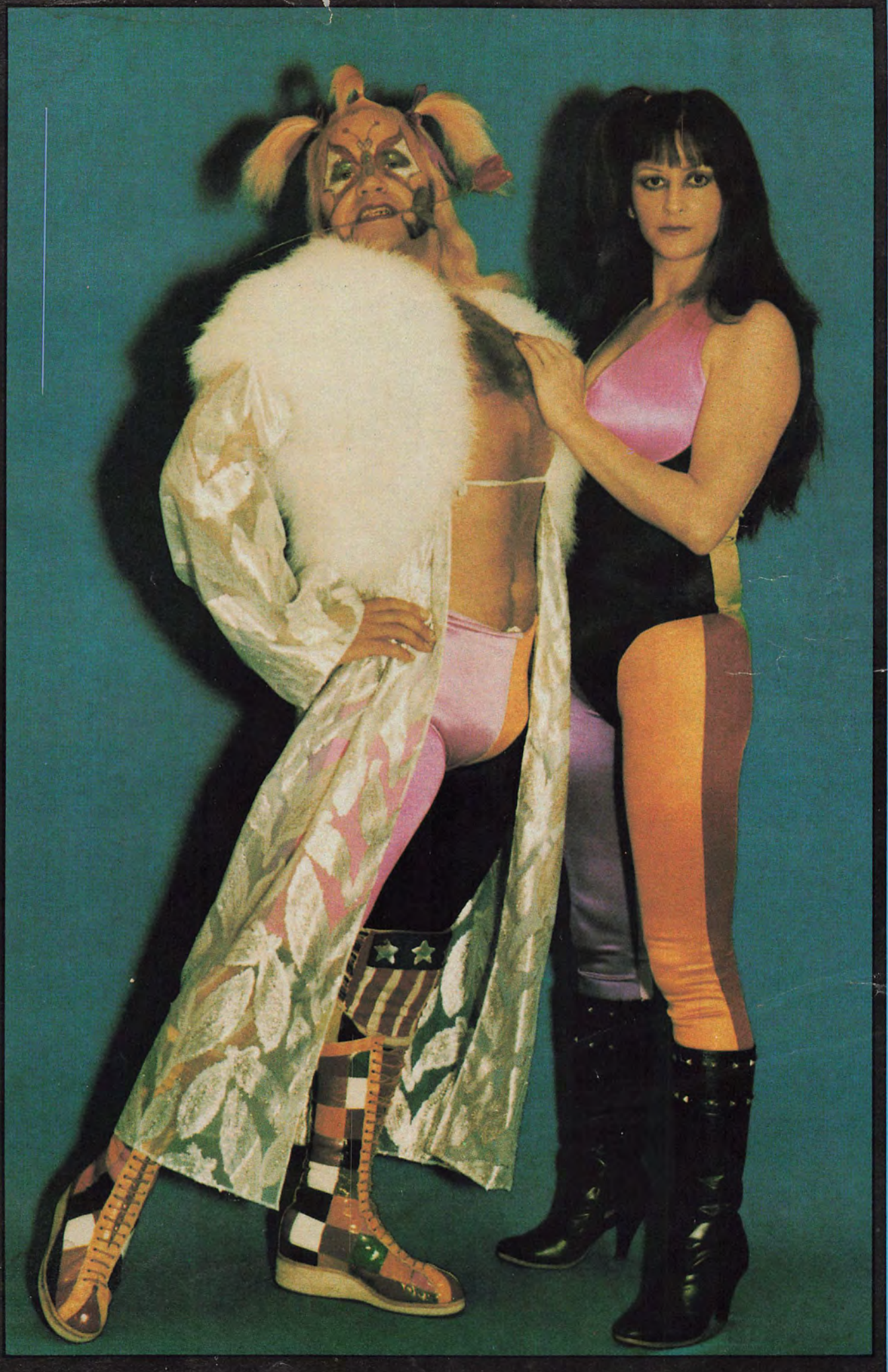

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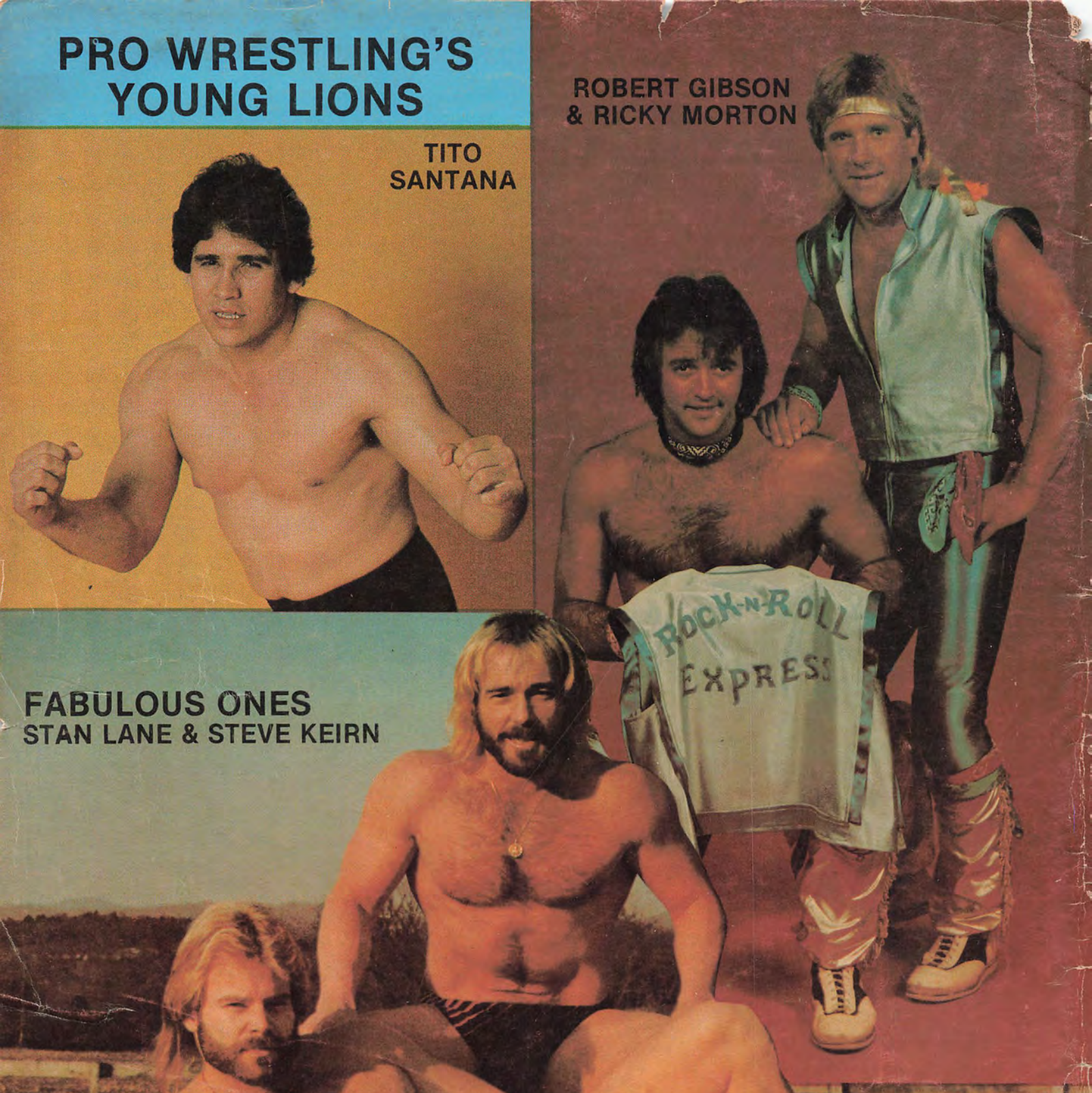

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